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RESERVOIRS NOW FILLING UP.

BIG GAINS OVER THE WEEK-END.

CHINESE NOW DESIRE RIDER MAIN SUPPLY.

THE MONTH'S FIGURES.

Nearly a thousand million gallons of water, enough to last under present restrictions for at least eight months, are in storage in the island reservoirs this morning, the rains of the week-end producing over 240,000,000 gallons. In the twenty-four hours ended at about 7.30 a.m. today, the total gain was in the neighbourhood of 166,000,000 gallons, which has only been exceeded once this year—a week ago, when, in the course of 24 hours, the reservoirs gained 180 millions. An average of five inches of rain has fallen in the past three days in the reservoir areas, the biggest fall being at Tatum, where six inches were registered.

Pakfulum Overflows.

The Pakfulum reservoir is now overflowing, whilst Wongneichong is just a few inches below overflow. In the more important reservoir area, Tatum Tuk is still 60 feet below overflow—as against 105 feet, three weeks ago—and it will require at least 1,000,000,000 gallons below it reaches the overflow point. Tatum is confidently expected to reach overflow to-morrow. It will overflow into Tatum Bye-wash and, when that is full, the water will pass into Tatum Tuk. It is only when the other Tatum reservoirs are full that Tatum Tuk begin to fill up properly.

The Month's Increase.

The rapidity with which Hong-kong has emerged from a precarious position to one of comparative safety may be gauged from the following self-explanatory figures of the water in storage on the island:

	Million Gallons.
July 1	171
July 10	141
July 13	238
July 16	390
July 22	452
July 23	632
July 26	720
July 27	745
July 28	816
July 29	982

Water is still flowing into the reservoirs, and the 1,000 million gallon mark is certain to be exceeded by to-morrow morning. On Saturday there was a gain of 71 millions.

Chinese Desire.

The Chinese vernacular press is now strongly urging that a supply should be given to the rider mains, but as the opening of the rider mains for only two hours daily, would, with a twenty-four hours supply, cost an extra 4,000,000 gallons a day, this would cut down the "life" of present supplies by a half.

It is, however, announced that from to-morrow, the Government will cease to supply water through the tanks. All water must be obtained from street fountains, which will be open in all parts of the city.

Undue Caution?

It was officially stated that the water position is to be reviewed at the end of September, but this is not quite clear. A very strong case could be made out for a further relaxation of restrictions immediately. Even if no further rains fall, there is sufficient in storage to last until the end of March next year under present conditions of restriction. Another 500,000,000 gallons would not fill the reservoirs, but would carry the Colony well into next summer's rainy season.

It is confidently felt that a good deal more rain will fall before the rainy season of 1929 ends, and as it is hoped that the cross-harbour pipe line will be finished early next year, there seems no reason to be unduly cautious. It was stated this morning, however, that the Government considers the present system is adequate.

Kowloon Supplies.

Kowloon has not had so much rain as the island, the average (Continued on Page 8.)

SINCERE JEWEL BURGLARY.

ALL THE STOLEN PROPERTY RECOVERED.

TWO MEN ARRESTED.

The arrest of two men in connexion with the burglary which occurred last week in the jewellery department at Sincere's store was confirmed at Police Headquarters this morning. On Saturday night, in pursuance of information received, the police raided a rendezvous at No. 40, Gage's Street. The particular man for whom they were looking was not there, but, confident of his early return, they set a trap and lay in wait. At about 8 o'clock, the man turned up, and he was immediately seized. He had in his possession two jade bangles and a jade drop. He confessed to having acted only as a receiver for the jewellery, and undertook to place the police in possession of such clues as would assist them in the capture of the man who actually carried out the burglary.

Accordingly, at a late hour the same night, the police visited a room at the Meichow Hotel, a native boarding-house situated in Des Voeux Road Central. There they arrested another Chinese and recovered the remainder of the stolen property, estimated to be worth \$4,500, from two baskets in the room. The two prisoners will be charged before the Court to-morrow.

K.O.S.B. DESERTERS RETURN.

BROUGHT BACK FROM MANILA ON EMPRESS BOAT.

Upon the return to port yesterday of the Empress of France, a military escort took over Ptes. Smith and O'Donnell, both of the 2nd King's Own Scottish Borderers, who deserted from the battalion on the 23rd instant.

Apparently, after deserting both men changed into civilian attire, and stowed away on the Empress of France which left for Manila the same day. They gave themselves up when the vessel was a day out at sea, and were carried on to Manila. From that port they were returned to Hongkong, a wireless message previously dispatched having informed the local military authorities of the return of the wanderers.

THE REPARATIONS CONFERENCE.

MANY NATIONS TO SEND DELEGATES.

London, July 28. It is now settled that the Conference on Reparations and the evacuation of the Rhineland will be held at The Hague. The Conference will begin probably on August 6th or 6th.

In addition to delegates from Britain, France, Belgium, Germany, Italy and Japan, the Governments of Greece, Rumania, Yugoslavia, Poland and Portugal are also expected to send representatives.

The United States Government has been invited to participate in whatever form it may desire.—British Wireless.

AN INTERNATIONAL CONTEST.

BRITAIN NARROWLY BEATEN IN PARIS.

Paris, July 28. In the seventh international athletic contest between France and Great Britain, France defeated their visitors by 62 points to 58 points.—Reuter.

THE KING.

SATISFACTORY PROGRESS CONTINUES.

London, July 28. It was stated at Buckingham Palace last night that His Majesty's progress continues satisfactory. The King during the afternoon walked for a short time in the park.—Reuter.

COTTON INDUSTRY DISPUTE.

OVER HALF A MILLION WORKERS AFFECTED.

THE EMPLOYERS ACCUSED OF REFUSING ARBITRATION.

STRIKE INEVITABLE.

London, July 28. The cotton manufacturers have issued an announcement to the effect that all mills will be opened to-morrow morning on the understanding that the reduced rates of wages will operate. There is, however, no chance of the position being accepted by the workers. All the Trade Unions of the operatives, with the exception of the engineers and the firemen, have forbidden their members to go to work.

The story of the abortive negotiations for a settlement of the dispute is told in a long statement which has been issued by Sir Horace Wilson, the Secretary of the Ministry of Labour, who has been untiring in his efforts to effect an agreement.

Sir Horace Wilson reveals that an important section of the manufacturing operatives were not empowered to negotiate a wage reduction, and as a result the Joint Committee of employers and employees dissolved.

The spokesman for the cotton mill owners, issued a statement to Pressmen expressing regret that the representatives of the operatives were not authorised to negotiate a reduction, which fact was discovered only after three days of fruitless negotiation.

Operatives' Offer.

The attitude of the operatives is expressed by the declaration that the employers' representatives refused their offer to submit the dispute to arbitration and to accept the decision of any court of arbitration.

The threat of a total stoppage throughout Lancashire was indicated by earlier messages from Manchester, reporting that the negotiations over the employers' proposal to reduce wages by 12.8 per cent. had ended in deadlock in all sections of the industry.

General Stoppage.

It was stated definitely that there could be no hope of preventing a general stoppage to-morrow (Monday), particularly as no further meetings have been arranged between employers and employees.

The Cotton Weavers' Amalgamation on Saturday definitely refused to continue the wages discussion with their employers and the Master Spinners' Federation began the negotiating with the spinners and cardroom workers amalgamations in an effort to arrive at a separate settlement.

The weavers' decision means that the manufacturing side of the industry, affecting 300,000 workers, will come to a standstill. The cardroom operatives to-day informed their employers that they were unable to continue the negotiations, so three hundred thousand weavers and two hundred thousand spinners and cardroom workers will be unemployed to-morrow. Thousands of other workers connected with the industry are also affected.—Reuter.

Mill-owner Optimistic.

London, July 29. The President of the Master Cotton Spinners' Association, in the course of an interview, said that the mill-owners are ready to meet the leaders of the operatives whenever the latter wish. He thought that a meeting would take place in the very near future and that the discussions would lead to a definite settlement.—Reuter.

The Royal Observatory states that pressure is highest over South Japan. The western typhoon has entered the coast between Haiphong and Pakhoi, and the eastern is situated near or over South Formosa moving North-west and threatening the coast between Amoy and Poo-chow.

The forecast till noon to-morrow is—Variable winds, freshening from south-west or west; fair at first; cloudy, with rain later.

FRANCE RETAINS DAVIS' CUP.

COCHET & BOROTRA PUSHED TO LAST DITCH.

TILDEN'S TRIUMPH.

Paris, July 28. France defeated the United States by three matches to two in the challenge round of the Davis Cup competition, and thus retain the trophy which they captured from America in 1927 and held against a similar challenge a year ago.

Interest was maintained to the last. On Saturday, W. Allison and J. Van Ryn (America) justified their triumph at Wimbledon by overwhelming Cochet and Borotra, winning in straight sets, 6-1, 8-6, 6-4. This was followed on Sunday by a sensational victory by "Big Bill" Tilden over Jean Borotra, thus routing the countries all square.

The decision was left to Henri Cochet, this year's Wimbledon champion, and George Lott, Junr. The American, however, was not equal to the occasion. He took the

RED DEMONSTRATION IN LONDON.

Scene Outside the Chinese Legation.

POLICE PERSUASION!

London, July 28. London had a somewhat rare experience to-day. A Communist procession which was attempting to demonstrate outside the Chinese Legation, collided with the police, who dispersed the demonstrators, making use of their batons. A number of the "Reds" afterwards had bruises to nurse.—Reuter.

second set, but afterwards got little of the match.

The full results of the five matches are appended: I. Cochet beat W.T. Tilden, 6-3, 6-1, 6-2.

J. Borotra beat G. Lott, 6-1, 3-6, 6-4, 7-5.

J. Borotra and H. Cochet lost to W. Allison and J. Van Ryn, who won 6-1, 8-6, 6-4.

J. Borotra lost to W.T. Tilden, who won 4-6, 6-1, 6-4, 7-5.

H. Cochet beat G. Lott, 6-1, 3-6, 6-0, 6-3.—Reuter.

RECORDS CLAIMED BY WOMEN ATHLETES.

ANNUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS IN UNITED STATES.

Chicago, July 28. Miss Betty Robinson, the American Olympic runner, smashed the women's world records for the fifty and hundred yards' sprints to-day, taking 5 4/5th seconds for the 50 yards, and 11 1/5th for the Hundred.

Miss Helen Warren claims the record for hurdlings, having covered eighty metres in 12 3/5th seconds.

Two other records are claimed. Miss Gloria Russell bases her claim on throwing the baseball 253 feet, one inch, while Miss Rena McDonald succeeded in putting the shot 42 feet, 4 1/2 inches.

All these achievements were registered on the occasion of the track and field championships of the National Women's Amateur Athletic Union.—Reuter's American Service.

SOFIA RAIDS ON "RED" ORGANISATION.

FEARS OF COMMUNIST DEMONSTRATIONS.

Sofia, July 28. As a precautionary measure against the threat of a gigantic worldwide demonstration by Communists on August 1st. (Thursday), the police have carried out a series of raids on the headquarters of all extremist organisations. Thirty-three important arrests are stated to have been effected. The newspapers report that the

SHANGHAI MYTH EXPLODED.

"DOGS AND CHINESE" SIGNBOARD.

EMPHATIC DENIAL BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

WAS NEVER ISSUED.

An official denial is now forthcoming of the allegations, recently made in the Hongkong newspapers, by a correspondent, signing himself "Truth Seeker," to the effect that there formerly existed at the entrance to the Bund Gardens in Shanghai of a notice reading: "Chinese and Dogs Are Not Admitted."

"Truth Seeker's" letter having appeared in the Hongkong Telegraph on the 15th instant, we communicated with the Shanghai Municipal Council, asking for a statement of fact on the subject.

"Without Foundation." A reply is now to hand from Mr. J. R. Jones, Deputy Secretary of the Council, dated July 22nd, in which he states:

"In conveying an official denial of the appearance within the Foreign Settlement, at any time, of any public notice issued by the Council in the above sense, or which could in any way be construed in that sense, I am directed to emphasise that the Council and the foreign community of Shanghai highly resent statements calculated to give currency to an allegation which is entirely without foundation in fact."

Enclosed with Mr. Jones' letter is a copy of the Municipal Gazette of October 29th, 1925, in which is published an official reply to a letter from Mr. J. E. Jacobs, then American Consul-in-Charge in Shanghai, on the same subject.

Mr. Jacobs forwarded to the Council the copy of a letter received from the Dearborn Independent, of Dearborn, Michigan, asking for verification of a statement published in that journal regarding the "Dogs and Chinese Not Admitted" sign.

Another Denial. Mr. Jacobs, whilst seeking information on the point, stated that he had been in Shanghai for over seven years, and had never seen any signs of the nature indicated.

In reply, the Secretary of the Council stated that "no such notices are posted in any parks or in any other places under the Council's jurisdiction; furthermore, careful investigation reveals the fact that no such notice has ever appeared in the International Settlement."

IN DIRECT CONFLICT.

These categorical denials, from official sources, should set the matter definitely at rest. They are in direct conflict with the statement made by "Truth Seeker" that in 1916 he saw the notice "Chinese and Dogs Are Not Admitted," in English, painted on a plain wooden board some 16 inches square. This, he says, was exhibited at the Garden entrance away from the Bund and nowhere near the General Regulations notice board.

The probability, we should say, is that "Truth Seeker's" memory of what he saw in 1916 is rather at fault.

FILIPINO STUDENT ROBBED.

RELIEVED OF \$500 GOLD NO A BUS.

Fausto Lamon, a Filipino student, passing through on his way to the States, yesterday reported to the police that he had been victimized by a pick-pocket to the extent of \$500 Gold.

Lamon stated that he was travelling in an east-bound bus, having previously got on board at West Point. He had the money in a pocket on his jacket, and did not realise that it was no longer there until he got out of the bus. Then he remembered that he was seated between competitors, and now suspects that one of them must have stolen it.

SERVICE MEN IN TROUBLE.

K.O.S.B. PRIVATE GETS LEG BROKEN.

CAR FARE DISPUTE.

Trouble with a public car driver, whose vehicle they hired for a joyride, has brought three Service men into contact with the police.

They are Pte. Finnigan, of the K.O.S. Borderers, charged with refusing to pay fare amounting to \$3 to the driver of public car No. 631 and also with stealing \$3 from the driver; Stoker J. Hartell, of H.M.S. Stormcloud, charged with refusing to pay the fare, with assaulting the driver, and with using abusive language towards Sergeant Henderson in the charge room of the No. 2 (Wanchai) Police Station; and Pte J. Craik, of the K.O.S. Borderers, who is charged on the first count only.

As Pte. Finnigan has been detained at the Military Hospital owing to a broken leg which he received in a scuffle said to result from an argument over the fare, Mr. E. W. Hamilton this morning was asked to adjourn the case until his discharge.

Mr. Hamilton decided, however, to proceed with the case, against the other two accused, on Thursday afternoon, adjourning the case until that date.

AMBITIOUS FLIGHT BREAKS DOWN.

"CITY OF TACOMA" CRASHES AT START.

New York, July 28. The much-heralded attempt to fly non-stop from Tacoma, Washington, on the Pacific coast of the United States, to Tokyo, came to a disastrous end this morning, the plane failing to take off.

The pilot, Lieutenant Harry Bromley, fortunately escaped without injury.

The machine is a giant monoplane, named "City of Tacoma" and it is presumed, details being lacking, that the wreck was due to her very heavy load of petrol.

The machine turned over on her right wing, crumpling up, after dashing 150 feet down a specially prepared runway. The machine was wrecked badly, but Bromley was unhurt.

The distance from Tacoma to Tokyo is estimated to be over 4,000 miles.—Reuter's American Service.

SOVIET ENVOY NOW IN LONDON.

SEEING MR. HENDERSON SOME TIME TO-DAY.

London, July 29. The Soviet envoy appointed by Moscow to discuss the question of the resumption of diplomatic relations between Great Britain and the Soviet Government, arrived in London late last night.

He is M. Dovgalevsky, the Russian Ambassador to France, and in the course of a brief interview with Reuter, he said he was full of hope of a resumption of friendly Anglo-Russian relations.

He will be seeing Mr. Henderson, the Foreign Secretary to-day, and the length of his stay will depend on the progress of the conversations.—Reuter.

MURDER OF INDIAN CONSTABLE.

THE CROWN TRYING TO SECURE WITNESSES.

A further week's formal remand was applied for by the police before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, in the case, in which a Chinese named Lam Ling is charged with the murder of an Indian constable near the Kun Chung Market, Yau-mat, recently.

In making the application, Detective Inspector Fallon intimated that the Crown were endeavouring to secure some important witnesses from the community.

"LOK SUN" BLAZE MYSTERY.

NATURE OF DAMAGE SO FAR UNKNOWN.

SHIP ENTIRELY ABANDONED ON FRIDAY.

The s.s. Lok Sun which, for the last fortnight has been aground off Samun Island, caught fire some time on Saturday, but the cause and extent of the outbreak remains a mystery at the moment.

Following the decision made last week to auction the vessel as she now lies stranded, the skeleton crew remaining on board was withdrawn at about 2.30 p.m. on Friday. At that time Captain Edmondson left the vessel, and not a living soul remained on board. Even the ship's cat was taken off.

Heavy Seas. On Saturday afternoon, H.M.S. Somme was cruising in the vicinity of Samun Island and she noticed that the vessel was on fire. The destroyer was unable to put a party on board owing to the heavy sea running at the time but a wireless message reporting the outbreak was sent to Hongkong.

This message was passed on to the Fire Brigade and to the agents of the vessel. A fire float was ordered to go out to the vessel but information was received that she could not be sent owing to the weather conditions. Since this time no request for assistance has been made to the Fire Brigade.

Naval Information. The local Naval Authorities have no further information regarding the fire and it has been presumed that there is now no warship in the vicinity. Several parties of prospective purchasers set out yesterday with the intention of investigating the wreck but, as far as can be gathered, the Lok Sun was not reached owing to the rough weather outside.

The Taikoo tug again left for Samun Island this morning with Mr. T.G.H. Brayfield, Captain Edmondson and the ship's engineers on board. They will investigate the cause of the outbreak and discover the extent of the fire, reporting by wireless to Hongkong.

Fires Drawn on Friday. When the skeleton crew left the ship on Friday afternoon, all the fires were drawn with the exception of the galley fire. No explanation of the cause of the outbreak has been advanced at the moment, but the possibility has not been lost sight of, that pirates, knowing that the crew had been withdrawn, boarded the ship in search of loot, and in doing so, started the fire.

No evidence is available at the moment to support this view but it seems unlikely that the fire in the galley was responsible for a larger outbreak.

Auction Postponed. The sale of the vessel was due to take place at the auction-rooms of Messrs. Lamert Brothers at noon to-day. At the time of the auction there were several Europeans present and a large number of Chinese.

No definite information regarding the extent of the fire, on the stranded ship was available, and the auctioneer announced that the sale would be postponed until three o'clock, by which time it was hoped that the Taikoo tug would have sent a wireless message to Hongkong giving some indication of the nature of the damage to the ship.

CRUISER EXPLOSION. Four more men have died as a result of the explosion in a gun turret in the British cruiser, H.M.S. Devonshire, which was carrying out firing practice in the Eastern Mediterranean.

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PIGWASH PROBLEM.

JUNK MASTER AND DEALERS INTERVIEWED BY POLICE.

The difficulty of controlling the conveyance of pigwash through the streets during prohibited hours was again discussed before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court on Saturday when a Chinese woman, who had paid the bail of her co-defendant on his behalf a charge of carrying pigwash at 10.10 a.m.

Sub-Inspector Hoare of the Shamshing Station informed his Worship that since the case the previous day he had had a discussion with the junk people as well as with the pig dealers. The junk master told the Police that he did not think that he could leave Hongkong earlier than 9 a.m. as he thought it was not fair for the people who were entitled to carry pigwash up till 9 o'clock.

The Police officer replied that in that case the owners would have to take delivery of their pigwash after midnight, which necessitated the junk remaining at the wharf the entire day.

An elder of the district, on behalf of the pig owners, interviewed the Inspector and asked for an extension of the hours but was informed that the officer could not grant them that privilege.

Accessories.

His Worship: These junk people are deliberately assisting them to break the law.

Sub-Inspector Hoare intimated that the dealers themselves were aware that they were not allowed to carry the pigwash after 9 a.m. as the defendant, when arrested, admitted that the woman who had engaged him told him that if he were arrested she would pay his fine.

His Worship said that the only thing that could be done would be to get some regulation prohibiting the landing of pigwash after 9 a.m.

Seeing that he had cautioned the offender the previous day, his Worship said that he would caution the defendant in the present case. His Worship informed the defendant, however, that in future cases the usual fine would be increased.

His Worship said that in the present case the time was about 10 o'clock, which was not so bad as some offenders who had been arrested at mid-day.

Sub-Inspector Hoare remarked that the junk made two journeys daily. After depositing the cargo at 10 a.m. it returned again at about noon.

His Worship said that he would have no compunction in fining people who were arrested conveying pigwash at mid-day.

OBITUARY.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE MR. WONG TIN-TSEUNG.

The funeral of the late Mr. Wong Tin-tseung, who died at Field Cottage, Kowloon City, on the 18th instant, after an illness lasting a few days, took place on Saturday afternoon at Yat Pit Ting, Kennedy Town.

An old resident of Hongkong, the late Mr. Wong Tin-tseung was the father of Mr. Wong Kwong-tin, a Chinese member of the Sanitary Board. His death at the advanced age of 89 has deprived the Colony of one of its oldest residents, the deceased beginning his education in Hongkong as far back as 1855.

That deceased was a popular man was clearly shown on Saturday afternoon by the large number of friends present at the funeral, among whom were the Hon. Sir Shou-sun Chow, Hon. Dr. S. W. Tso, Hon. Dr. R. H. Kowell, Mr. Li Yau-tsun, Mr. M. K. Lo, Mr. T. N. Chau, Mr. Ho Yu and Mr. Ho Wing.

Mr. A. Morris was present, representing the St. John Ambulance Brigade, a division of which escorted the cortege all the way to Yat Pit Ting. A troop of Boy Scouts did likewise.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Kowloon Tong Estate.

[To The Editor of Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir.—The Government could not have viewed the matter in all its aspects when in reply to Hon. Mr. Braga's questions they gave the following off-hand excuse for not intervening:

No. 17—that the Government considered that "the disputes between the parties interested in the Kowloon Tong Estate are not fit matters for a Public Commission of Enquiry."

This is not an ordinary dispute between the contracting parties of a Land Exploitation Co., but one between the beneficiaries and an avowedly philanthropic Company, the articles of which distinctly stated that no Directors would draw any remuneration and that profit, if any, would go towards charity. I have advisedly used the word "beneficiaries" for it was the very term employed by H. E. the Governor when he referred to the scheme at the Council meeting on the 27th ulto.

The Government must have appreciated at the time, the spirit which actuated the promoter of the scheme, for, they also joined hands in the philanthropy by conceding to the beneficiaries 3,231,900 sq. ft. of Crown Land, properly levelled and complete with storm water and sewage systems, at the very low price of 12 cents per foot, and upon most unprecedented easy terms of payment.

This concession evidently was on conviction of the magnanimity of the scheme as proposed by the promoter and his associates.

The Government having linked itself in this way with the promoter and backing it so to say, before the public, at a time when the Housing Problem in the Colony was so acute, it is surprising that so many subscribers came forward and signed contracts in the form supplied by the company?

If the Government now think that the signatories must abide by their contracts, let it remember that these signatures were obtained on the assurance that the absolute control of the scheme would be in the hands of one of the most respected citizens of this colony or of his successors, the General Manager for the time being of one of the most powerful companies of this Colony; and also that the Government was sponsoring it.

And now that the beneficiaries have a grievance which to every impartial mind seems justifiable can the Government say that it has no concern in the matter? In its reply to Hon. Mr. Braga's question No. 15 it disclosed the following fact:

"From time to time since 1924 the Company has furnished to the Government certificates under Clause 7 of the Agreement to the effect that certain persons were the respective purchasers of the lots and buildings mentioned in the certificate and were the proper persons to whom a Crown Lease should be granted in respect of each lot and that they had one and all paid to the Company under their contracts with the Company all moneys which were payable thereunder."

Here the Government admitted having received official notification from the Company that certain number of subscribers had paid all moneys payable under their contracts and were entitled to receive their Crown leases, and yet the Government seemed not to have been surprised when it received a subsequent intimation from the Company notifying an additional levy to be made on each and every subscriber, without exception.

These two contradictory statements made officially to the Government are certainly sufficient grounds for an investigation.

In view of the circumstances I think the Public will agree with me that the Government should step in now and appoint a Commission of Enquiry to remove this very serious grievance. There is no other way out of it without leaving a sense of injustice.

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THE WAR DEBTS.

FRENCH SENATE APPROVES AGREEMENTS.

Paris, July 27.
The Senate has approved the Washington and London debt agreements.

The French Government is now free to exchange ratifications.

—*Reuter.*

American Statement.

Washington, July 28.
Mr. Stimson, the Secretary of State, has instructed the American Embassy in Paris to express to M. Poincare the "very deep personal appreciation of the French Government's effort in the debate on the ratification of the debt agreement, and great personal regret that the strain should have undermined M. Poincare's health."

President Hoover expressed gratification that France had ratified the agreement, which he emphasised simply provided for a repayment of advances made to France after the Armistice.

"In fairness to the American people I think I am justified in mentioning the liberality of the settlement."

He pointed out that France in 1925 owed the United States 4,230 million dollars, whereas the present value under the Mellon-Berenger agreement is 1,681 millions. He was of opinion that the French understand that the Americans feel the settlement "involves a measure of sacrifice on their part."

—*Reuter's American Service.*

THE STINNES CASE.

FOUR PRINCIPALS ACQUITTED ON FRAUD CHARGE.

Berlin, July 27.

Herr Hugo Stinnes and three others have been acquitted of the charge of attempting to defraud the Government by converting new war loan certificates into old ones.

Herr Stinnes' secretary, Von Waldow, and another were sentenced to four months imprisonment and another was fined 3,000 marks.

—*Reuter.*

A message dated Berlin, August 30, 1928, stated that a sensation had been caused throughout Germany by the sending to jail of the big business leader Stinnes, who was the richest man in Germany during the inflation period.

The imprisonment was decreed as a result of a statement of his secretary that Herr Stinnes was aware of the projected frauds, which consisted of buying Government war stock abroad and registering it in Berlin as original war loan stock which had not changed hands since the 1918 revolution, and which had consequently been revalorised by the Government, whereas all stock which had changed hands since 1918 was practically worthless. Herr Stinnes was, on September 21 of the same year, released on a bond of 1,000,000 marks.

GRAIN MARKETING.

AMERICAN EFFORT TO HELP THE FARMERS.

Chicago, July 28.

The first move on the part of the newly created Federal Farm Board to solve the farmers' marketing problems is the appointment of sixteen representatives of grain men to participate in the organisation of a ten-million dollars grain marketing corporation, next month.

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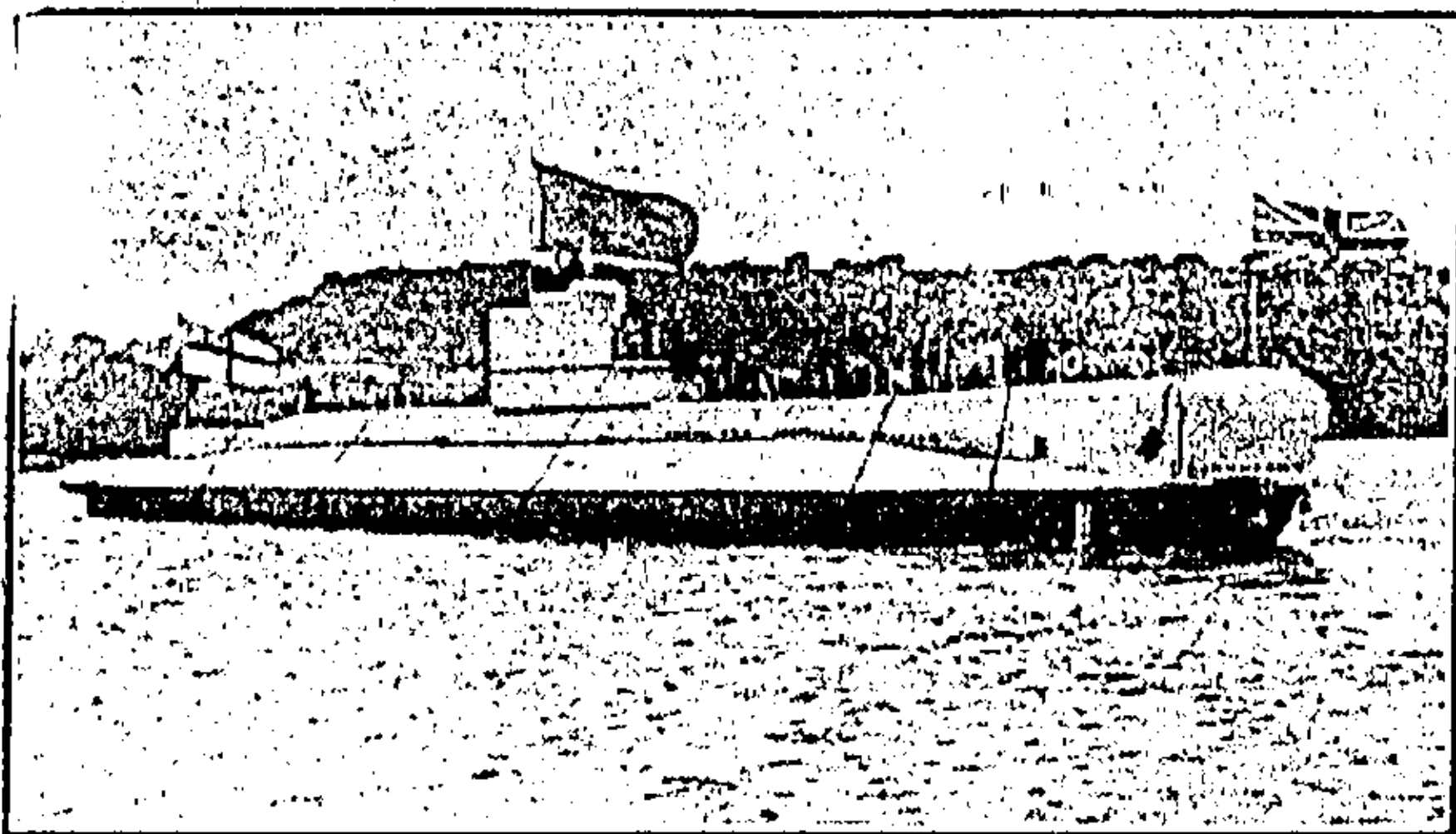
THAT WOULDN'T BE A BAD IDEA—EXCEPT THAT I'M MUCH TOO OLD—

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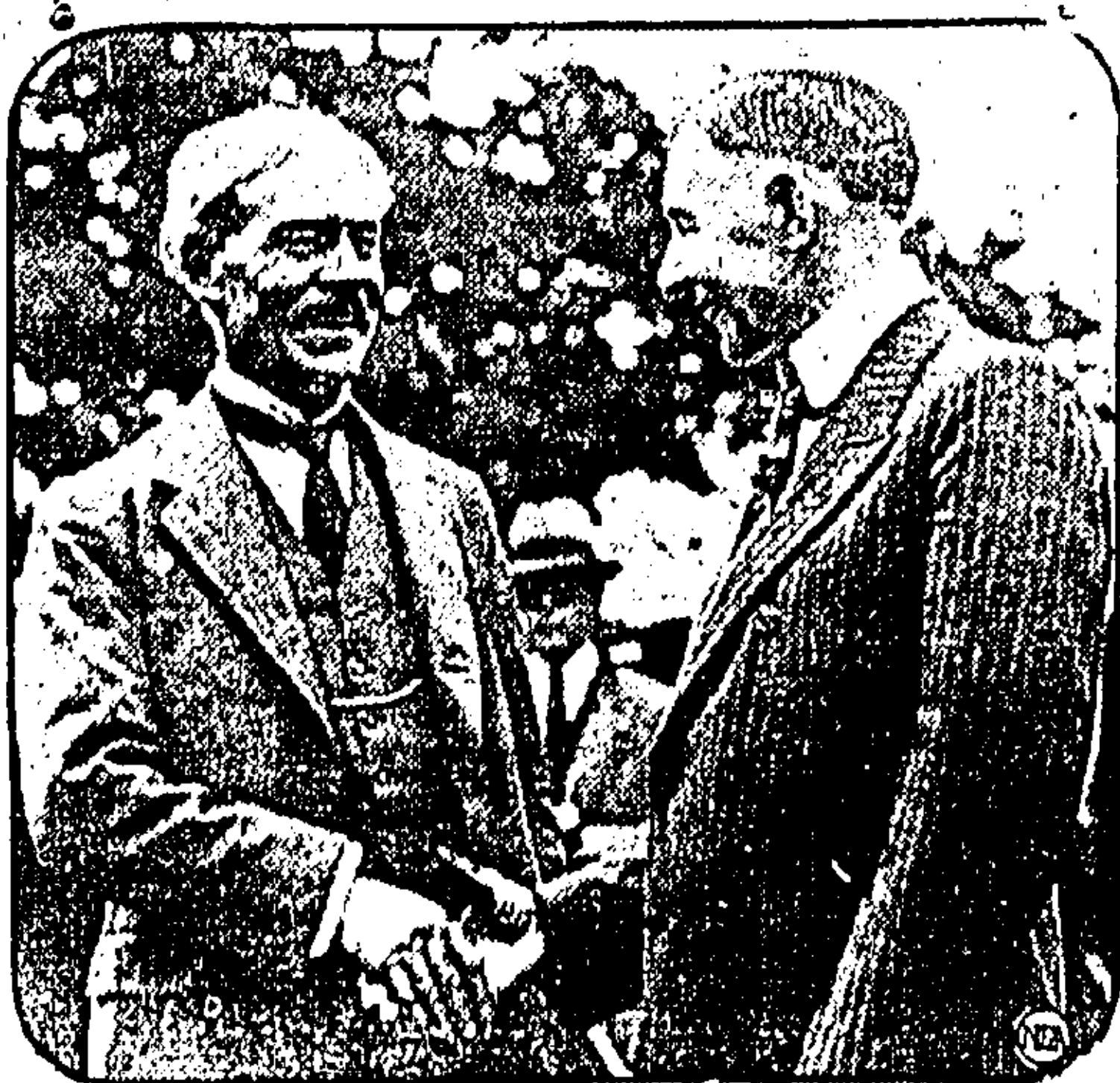
ALL TH' GUYS ON THAT TEAM ARE MINORS!

Age Is of Major Importance

By Small



The submarine Parthian, which was recently launched at Chatham Dockyard. It is the third of the "P" class of overseas patrolling submarines to take the water. They carry a 4" gun and eight torpedo tubes. (Times copyright).



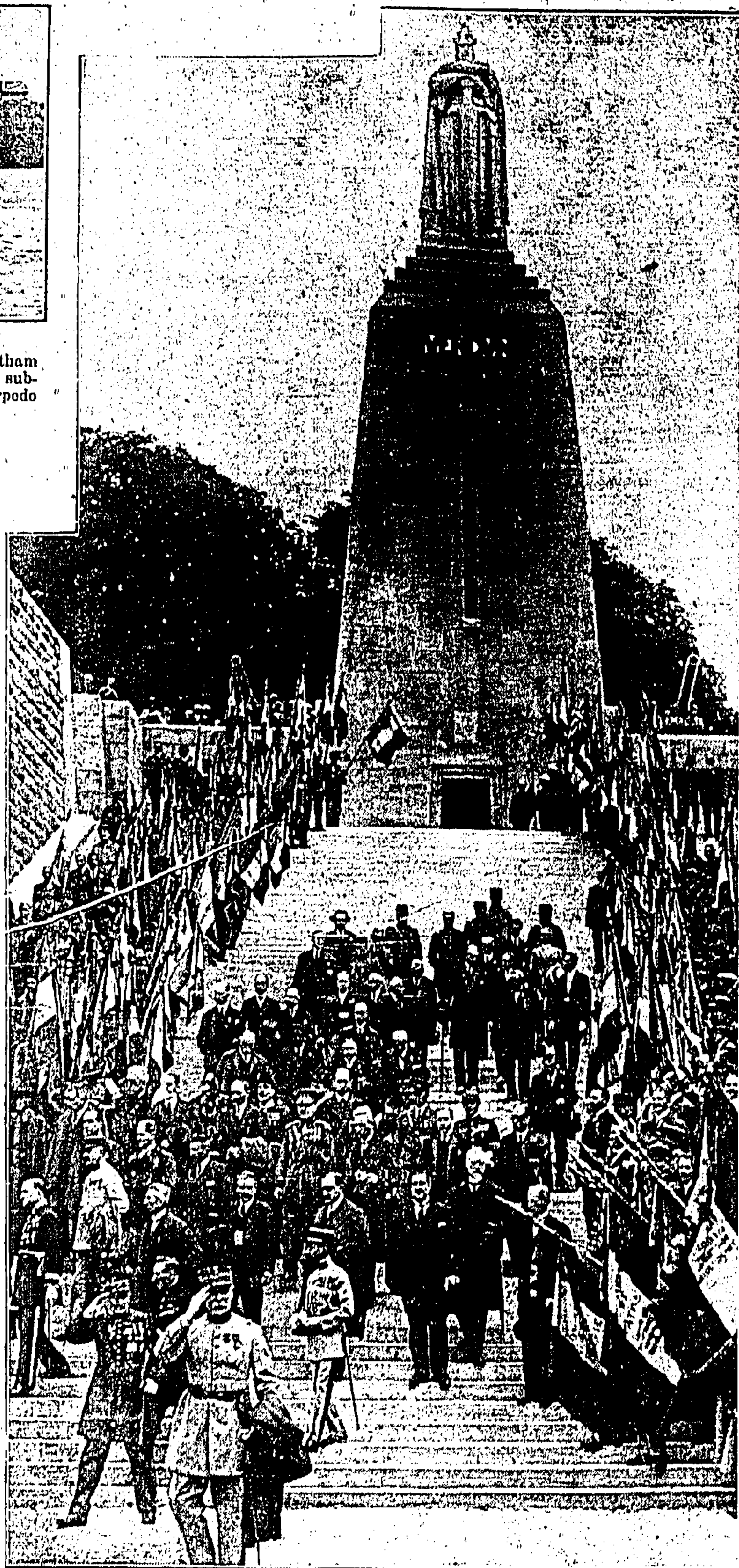
Above, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, the British Premier, and General Charles Dawes, the U.S. Ambassador to Great Britain, are seen at Porres, Scotland, where they met for the first time. They afterwards discussed naval disarmament and within a few days an important announcement was made by Gen. Dawes at Pilgrims Club, regarding the possibility of agreeing upon a "yard-stick" for the Anglo-American fleets.



An unusual picture this, in that it shows an American bull-fighter, bowing to an audience at Seville, Spain, after successfully despatching his first bull in that country. The man is Mr. Sidney Franklin, and he is the only American matador. He was born in Brooklyn, was educated at Columbia University, and went to Mexico to learn bull-fighting. It is said that he intends to introduce it to the United States.



Our picture, taken at Madrid, last month, show Captain Ignacio Jimenez and Captain Francisco Inglesias, being decorated at the Palace by King Alfonso. Jimenez and Inglesias completed a non-stop flight from Spain to Brazil recently in the "Jesus del Gran Poder." They received a wonderful welcome in Madrid.



Marshal Petain, who played a prominent part in the defence of Verdun, at the foot of the memorial to its defenders after the unveiling. A flight of 78 steps lead from the place Petain up to the monument. (Times copyright).



The potato race, a diverting event, in recent Shanghai girls' sports.



Inglesias and Jimenez being carried shoulder high in Madrid.

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NOTICE.

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LAMMERT'S AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION

of the Valuable Leasehold Property, situate at SHAMEEN CANTON to be sold by Order of the Mortgagee, by

PUBLIC AUCTION

on Wednesday, the 31st July, 1929, commencing at 11 a.m. at No. 49, Granville Road, Kowloon A Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture. (Particulars from Catalogue). On View from Tuesday, the 30th July, 1929. Terms:—Cash on Delivery. LAMMERT BROS., Auctioneers.

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INDUSTRIES FAIR.

MR. THOMAS' VIEWS ON UNEMPLOYMENT.

London, July 27. Mr. J. H. Thomas, Minister-in-Charge of the Unemployment problem, was present at a luncheon given at Olympia yesterday, when it was announced that £100,000 was being spent on extensions and increased facilities in connexion with next year's British Industries Fair.

Mr. Thomas said he had come to the conclusion that there was only one solution to the problem of unemployment and that was to enable the goods that this country could supply with the best brains and skill in the world to be placed at the disposal of the world.

He had found that British Trade Commissioners abroad were inadequate. We were handicapped in not having enough British representation. He had decided that the handicap had to be removed. Business must follow this up and send their representatives to co-operate in the work which the Government was prepared to do.—*British Wireless.*

LETTER GOLF.

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3.—You must have a complete word, of common usage, for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.
4.—The order of letters cannot be changed.
One solution is printed on another page.

Lammert's Auctions

PUBLIC AUCTION

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on Tuesday, the 30th July, 1929, commencing at 11 a.m. at No. 318, Nathan Road, Kowloon (Ground Floor). A Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture. On View from Monday, the 29th July, 1929. Terms:—Cash on Delivery. LAMMERT BROS., Auctioneers.

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Teak Hatstands, Chesterfield Couch and Armchairs, Glass Cabinets, Desks, Office Chairs, Electric Table Fans, Ornaments, Vases, Carpets, Rugs, Gramophones and Records, etc., etc.
Teak Dining Tables, Dining Chairs, Dinner Wagons, Sideboards, Dinner Crockery, Glass Ware, Ice Chest, Kitchen Utensils, etc., etc.
Teak and Iron Bedsteads with Mattresses, Linen, Teak Wardrobes with Bevelled Mirrors, Chests of Drawers, Dressing Tables, Toilet Crockery, Washstands, etc., etc. and
A Quantity of Blackwood Furniture. Catalogue will be issued. On View from Wednesday, the 31st July, 1929. Terms:—Cash on Delivery. LAMMERT BROS., Auctioneers.

PUBLIC AUCTION

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on THURSDAY, the 1st August, 1929, at 12 o'clock, Noon, at their Sales Room, Duddell St. (for account of the concerned), 1 Cases Striped Poplin. Terms:—Cash on Delivery. LAMMERT BROS., Auctioneers.

PUBLIC AUCTION

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on FRIDAY, the 2nd August, 1929, commencing at 5.15 p.m. at their Sales Room, Duddell St. A Collection of Valuable Postage Stamps. (Particulars from Catalogue). On View from Thursday, the 1st, August 1929. Terms:—Cash on Delivery. LAMMERT BROS., Auctioneers.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

N.Y.K. LINE.
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From EUROPE and STRAITS.

The Steamship "BRAZIL MARU" having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 2nd August, 1929 will be subject to rent. Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee and the Co.'s representatives on any Tuesdays and Fridays, at 2.30 p.m. within the free storage period.
All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.
No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.
No fire insurance has been effected.
NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
Hongkong, 26th July, 1929.

SHARE PRICES

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.

Hongkong Bank, \$1265 n.
Chartered Bank, \$197 b.
Morantia & B., \$433 n.
P. and O., \$24 n.
East Asia \$30 1/2 n.

Insurance.

Canton Ins., \$630 n.
Union Ins., \$326 sa.
North China Ins., \$160 b.
Yangtze Ins., \$50 n.
China Underwriters, \$120 n.
China Fires, \$305 b.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$770 n.

Shipping.

Douglas, \$271 n.
H. K. Steamships, \$241 s.
H. K. Tugs, \$2 s.
Indo-China, (Def.) \$70 n.
Union Waterboats, \$22 n.

Mining.

Benguet, \$3.10 b.
Kailans, 62/6 n.
Langkate, \$141 b.
Shai Explorations, \$12.75 s.
Rauha, \$6.90 b.
Tronoh, 21/ n.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$127 b.
Whampoa Docks, \$324 sa.
China Providents, \$4.30 b.
Hongkong, \$168 n.
New Engineering, \$16 1/2 b.
Shanghai Docks, \$138 b.

Cottons.

Ewo Cottons, \$14.70 s.
Orientals, \$12.30 b.
Shai Cottons, \$171 (old) b.
Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$8.35 b.
H. K. Lands, \$62 s.
Shai Lands, \$147 b.
Humphreys, \$13.30 b.
Realities, \$8 b.
Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$18.80 sa.
Peak Tram, (old) \$11.80 n.
Star Ferries, \$64 n.
China Lights, (Old) \$13.10 s.
H. K. Electric, \$55.60 b.
Macao Electric, \$263 b.
Telephones, \$7 b.
China Buses, \$142 b.
Singapore Traction, 11/- s.
Industrials.

China Sugars, 95 n.
Malabon, \$27 n.
Canton Ice, \$2.10 b.
Cements (Comb.) \$9 b.
Ropes (Old) \$7 s.
United Asbestos, \$5 b.
Stores, etc.

Dairy Farms, \$19.75 b.
Watsons, \$11.90 b.
Dor A. Wings, 80 b.
Lano Crawfords, \$11 s.
Mackintosh, \$18 b.
Sincoras, \$12 b.
Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$26 b.
Constructions, \$1.50 n.
D'que Ind. G. Bonds, 644
H. K. G. Loan 7% s. Prom.

TWO EARTHQUAKES.

Tokyo, July 27.

The seismic centre was 30 miles south-west of Tokyo. The maximum amplitude was 30 millimetres. The shock was one of the most severe since 1923. It was felt in Tokyo, Yokohama, and Kamakura but, owing to the absence of outbreaks of fire the damage was very slight.

Train traffic in the vicinity of Tokyo and Yokohama was temporarily suspended but soon resumed.—*Reuter.*

Ecuador Shaken.

New York, July 27. A report from Quito (Ecuador) says that 60 persons were killed as the result of an earthquake which practically destroyed the town of Moyanza. A general panic followed the shock.—*Reuter's American Service.*

CHANNEL FLIGHT.

M. BLERIOT REPEATS HIS FEAT OF 20 YEARS AGO.

Paris, July 27. M. Bleriot, the first man to fly across the Channel, flew in a monster French bomber which he designed, from Le Bourget to participate in the celebrations in connexion with the 20th anniversary of his feat.

Wearing a traditional straw hat, he was escorted by French and British military planes and landed near the spot at Swinate marked by the memorial where he landed in 1909.

He was received by the Mayor of Dover and Sir Sefton Branker and later flew to Crocydon, where he was welcomed by Lord Thomson, Air Minister, and thousands of enthusiasts. He was banquetted at the Savoy in the evening.—*Reuter.*

POST OFFICE NOTICE

RADIO NOTICES.

The Radio Office, where full information concerning all wireless services may be obtained at all times, is situated on the ground floor of the P. and O. Building in Des Voeux Road, next to the General Post Office. Individuals and firms are recommended to register their telegraphic addresses at the Radio Office. No charge is made for this. On Radio telegrams to the Kwangai Stations at Nanning and Luichow a fee of \$0.20 per word will be collected from the senders—this sum includes the receiving station's charge. On messages to Wuchow the charge will be \$0.10 per word—the addressee to pay the receiving station charge.

The Public are again reminded that the postage on newspapers published in Hongkong and addressed to British Possessions, China and Macao is 2 cents per 4 oz. and not 2 cents per newspaper. When the postage is not fully prepaid newspapers cannot be forwarded and if they do not bear the sender's names and addresses they are disposed of in the Dead Letter Office.

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The above rates include toll due to the receiving stations. In view of the uncertainty of the situation in Manchuria no mails are being forwarded via Siberia until further notice.

INWARD MAILS.

From	Date and Time
U.S.A., (San Francisco 5th July)	Pres. Grant July 30.
Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Yingchow July 30.
Shanghai	Yuenan July 30.
Straits	Athos II July 30.
Saigon	Patroclus July 30.
Japan and Shanghai	Arifura July 31.
Europe via Suez (Letters and papers, London 4th July, and parcels 27th June)	Kashmir August 1.
U.S.A., (Seattle 13th July) Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Lincoln August 2.
Manila	Pres. Grant August 5.
Australia and Manila	Tanda August 5.
Shanghai	Patroclus August 6.
Canada (Victoria B. C. 25th July), U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai	Emps. of Russia August 12.

OUTWARD MAILS.

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

For	Date and Time
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Tai Ming Mon, July 29, 4.30 p.m.
Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, Central and South American and Europe via San Francisco	Pres. Jefferson Mon, July 29. Parcels 3 p.m. Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 4.30 p.m. (Due San Francisco 21st August.)
Shanghai	Pres. Jefferson Mon, July 29. Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 4.30 p.m.
Manila	Chinese Prince Tuck, July 30, 8.30 a.m.
Holhow	Soliven Tues, July 30, 8.30 a.m.
Saigon, Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa	Montevideo Maru Tues, July 30, 9.30 a.m.
Fort Bayard, Holhow, Pakhoi and Huphong	Tonkin Tues, July 30, 1 p.m.
Shanghai and Japan	Athos II Tues, July 30, 1 p.m.
Manila and Java via Surabaya	Tjmanoeck Tues, July 7, 1 p.m.
Saigon, Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Patroclus Tues, July 30. K.P.O. Registration 1 p.m. Letters 1.45 p.m. G.P.O. Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m. (Due Marseilles August 31.)
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ning Tues, July 30, 2 p.m.
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America and Europe via Vancouver B.C.	Empress of France Tues, July 30. Parcels 3 p.m. Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 4.30 p.m. (Due Vancouver B.C. 17th August.)
Shanghai	Empress of France Tues, July 30. Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 4.30 p.m.
Manila	Pres. Grant Tues, July 30, 4.30 p.m.
Holhow	Kwei Yang Wed, July 31, 8.30 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Kutsang Wed, July 31. Parcels noon. Letters 1 p.m.
Swatow	Sun Ning Wed, July 31, 12.30 p.m.
Amoy and Japan	Yuenan Wed, July 31, 5 p.m.
Straits	Cremer Thurs, Aug. 1, 10 a.m.
Japan and Victoria B. C.	ixion Thurs, Aug. 1, 10.30 a.m. (Due Victoria B. C. 27th Aug.)
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Deli Maru Thurs, Aug. 1, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiyang Fri, Aug. 2, 7 p.m.
Manila, Sandakan, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island	Arifura Fri, Aug. 2. Parcels noon. Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m. (Due Thursday Island 17th August.)
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Khyber Sat, July 3. Parcels 4.30 p.m. Registration 4.30 a.m. Letters 4.30 a.m. G.P.O. Registration 4.30 p.m. Letters 4.30 a.m. (Due Marseilles 1st September.)
Manila	Pres. Lincoln Sat, Aug. 3, 4.30 p.m.
Sandakan	Mausang Sun, Aug. 4, 6.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Canton Maru Sun, Aug. 4, 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiching Tues, Aug. 6, 1 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and Europe via Victoria B. C.	Pres. Grant Tues, Aug. 6. Parcels 4.30 p.m. Registration 4.30 a.m. Letters 4.30 a.m. (Due Marseilles 1st September.)
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Patroclus Tues, Aug. 6. K.P.O. Registration 4.30 p.m. Letters 4.30 p.m. G.P.O. Registration 4.30 p.m. Letters 4.30 p.m. (Due Marseilles 4th September.)
Swatow	Hangang Wed, Aug. 7, 10.30 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Mausang Sun, Aug. 11. Parcels noon. Letters 1 p.m.
Manila	Emps. of Russia Tues, Aug. 13, 8.30 p.m.

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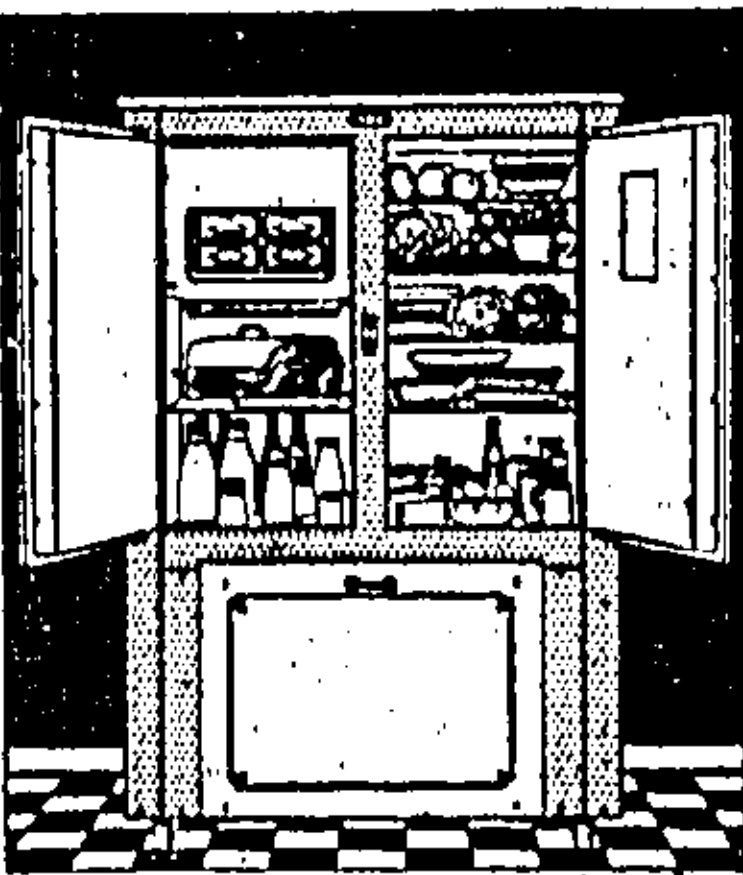
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MONDAY JULY 29, 1929.

EMPIRE MARKETS.

One of the Labour Government's plans for helping to relieve unemployment at home is the expansion and development of the Empire's resources, and it is one which commands the support and approval of all parties. Recently, Mr. Philip Snowden, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, mentioned, as an earnest of the Government's desire to cultivate the closest commercial relations with Britain's overseas possessions the fact that it is engaged in seeking to arrange an Imperial Economic Conference for the purpose of ascertaining how inter-Imperial trade can be extended. The possibilities are almost boundless. Figures issued some little time back showed that in 1913 the Old Country sent 62.82 per cent. of her exports to foreign countries, and 37.18 to British overseas possessions. In 1927, foreigners were taking only 57.44 per cent. and the Empire 42.56. In another few years it is hoped that half of Britain's export trade will be within the Empire.

It may have come somewhat as a surprise to many when Mr. Snowden contended, in a recent speech, that our best opportunity for developing Imperial trade lies in India, yet a little reflection will show the tremendous possibilities of that huge country. Even at present, India is our largest customer, with some £88,000,000 per annum, being well ahead of our two next best clients, the United States and Germany. Then comes Australia, which buys from us twenty millions annually more than France. South Africa takes twice as much as either Italy or Japan, and New Zealand more than twice as much as China. Yet there are only about a million and a half people in New Zealand, compared with four hundred million in China. Individually, the Briton overseas is a far more liberal purchaser of British goods than the foreigner, and in this connexion it may be pointed out that nobody buys British goods to the extent that the Australian does. As Mr. Amery once put it, one "Anzac" is worth to the British manufacturer twelve Frenchmen, twenty-four Germans or Americans, a hundred Chinese, and six hundred Russians. It has been computed that Australia and New Zealand buy more British goods than

France, Italy, Belgium, Spain and Portugal combined, despite the fact that the population of these Continental nations is 114 millions, compared with some eight millions—less than that of Greater London—for the two Dominions named. Satisfactory as these facts are, the position would, as Sir Sidney Low recently pointed out, be infinitely better if Australia only had as many people as Italy or Spain. With thirty or forty million Australians buying British cotton and woollen cloths, hardware, machinery, motor-cars, glass, leather, electrical apparatus and other commodities, there would be no need of an idle factory in Britain or a skilled workman unemployed.

Sufficient has been written to show the value of inter-Imperial trade, even as conditions are today. But the potentialities are boundless. As Sir Sidney Low has put it, one person out of every five is a subject of King George, and most of them want something, from feeding-bottles to steam-rollers, which British brains, skill and labour can provide. The Dominions and India do not fill the whole prospect. We have a vast tropical Empire with needs enlarging every year. For example, there are the vast undeveloped territories known comprehensively as East Africa. In Uganda, Kenya, Tanganyika, Nyasaland, and Northern Rhodesia are millions of natives fast acquiring a taste for the comforts and luxuries of civilisation. They are now asking for hats, boots, clothes, agricultural implements, machine-tools, and some of them, even for motor-cars and cinemas. Here is another mighty field for trade. Look where we will, the Empire's possibilities are tremendous, and it is satisfactory to feel that, whatever the Labour Government's views may be on some other subjects, the MacDonald Administration is fully alive to the importance of markets.

Storm in a Teacup.

After Mr. Henderson's very frank explanation of Lord Lloyd's resignation, or dismissal, little remains to be said. If there is anything to be deplored, it is the manner in which the facts appear to have been distorted by Mr. Baldwin's colleagues to make political capital, while fully aware that the forcing of a debate would merely add to the difficulties of delicate Anglo-Egyptian negotiations. Mr. Henderson's telegram to Lord Lloyd before he left Egypt reveals the affair in its true proportions. "My policy," said the Foreign Secretary, "which will certainly not be less liberal than that of my predecessor, will depend on its being interpreted with sympathy and understanding by His Majesty's representatives. The prospect of your views harmonising with those of either my predecessor or myself appear to be remote." Admittedly an invitation to Lord Lloyd to resign the High Commissionership, the telegram shows Mr. Henderson taking the only course open to him in all the circumstances, and it redounds to his credit that he chose to take the step immediately instead of procrastinating. Lord Lloyd has done a vast amount of good work in Egypt during a critical period in that country's history, but he is a student of Eastern Politics, and as such, there is no gainsaying, he has not always been willing to carry out the policy of his superiors at Whitehall. If he was wilyward during the regime of Sir Austen Chamberlain, who most significantly refrained from comment in the Commons, the prospect of co-operation with Mr. Henderson, was, indeed, remote. Allegations against the Labour Government of ulterior motives are, of course, absurd. They are fully answered by the announcement that Sir Percy Loraine, the Minister at Athens, is mentioned as the probable successor to Lord Lloyd in Egypt. Sir Percy is a tried and trusted member of the Diplomatic Service, and neither Mr. Winston Churchill nor Earl Birkenhead can suppose that his selection is actuated by a desire to see the Red Flag flying over the Residency.

DAY BY DAY.

MUSIC TEACHES PEOPLE CO-OPERATION, NOT TO BE SHY OR SELFISH.—*Hon. E. Lyttleton.*

The Ben Line s.s. Benledi, from Singapore, is due here on August 1st.

The P. and O. s.s. Kashmir, from Singapore, is due here at 4 p.m. on August 1st.

The Medical Officer of Health reports a clean bill of health for the 48 hours ended last night.

The Empress of Asia, which left Hongkong on the 10th July, arrived at Vancouver on the 27th July.

The Chinese Seamen's Associated United is to celebrate the first anniversary of its opening to-morrow at 2.30 p.m., when a portrait of Mr. Leung Yuen-wo, the Chairman will be unveiled.

Friends of Mr. A. W. Eastman, who was knocked down by a motor-car in Granville Road on Friday and rendered unconscious, will be pleased to learn that he is making favourable progress. Mr. Eastman states that the car went on without rendering assistance.

While going into a house in Block "A," Married Quarters, at the Kowloon Docks, last night, for the purpose, it is alleged, of committing a larceny, a Chinese was surprised by the inmates and seized. His captors were taking him to the police station, when he suddenly broke from their grasp, and falling down the terrace on which the house is situated, received serious injuries which led to his removal to hospital.

The Fred Coyne Company have just put on two very amusing shows at the Canton Club Theatre, Shamshien. They produced "Bluebirds" on Friday evening, and "On the Road" on Saturday evening. The audience on Friday evening was regrettably small, but what they lacked in number they made up for in enthusiasm. Saturday evening there was quite a large audience and again the various numbers, which were entirely different from the previous evening, were received with great applause.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Theatre Seats.

[To The Editor of Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—Now that some one has told the Directors of the Hongkong Amusements what we think of the films they provide, I would like to call their attention to another point.

The seating accommodation in every theatre here is most unsatisfactory. To say the seats are hard, uncomfortable and lacking in leg room is under stating an unpleasant fact.

I have been told that comfortable seats are not provided because they would be hot. This is absurd, for even if it were true, who would not prefer to be warm rather than numbed by the board-like affairs now in vogue?—Yours, etc.,

DUM SPIRO, SPEER.
Hongkong, July 28th, 1929.

Safety First.

Sir,—While casually watching the pile-driving machinery at work on the site of the new National City Bank of New York building at the junction of Queen's Road Central and Duddell Street, I was wondering whether the work was not a menace to the safety of the adjoining building which is housing the telephone exchange.

While not claiming to be an engineer or the like, I cannot but feel that the vibration caused by the driving of piles is considerable, and having regard to the safety of the scores of girl operators working in the building, I am writing to enquire whether the management of the Hongkong Telephone Co. consider there may be a certain amount of risk to the operators employed by them.

I am taking into consideration that the premises will be vacated as soon as the new exchange at Exchange Building is ready for service, but a lot can happen between now and the time that the new exchange will be ready.

With the recent heavy showers and the vibration caused by the pile-driving I am sure the management of the H. K. Telephone Co. will look seriously into the matter. Enclosing my card.—Yours, etc.,
SAFETY.
Hongkong, July 29th, 1929.

POLICE RESERVE.

ORDERS FOR THE CURRENT WEEK.

Police Reserve Orders by Hon. Mr. T. H. King, Acting Captain Superintendent of Police, state:

Chinese Company.

Squad Drill.—All recruits of the Chinese Company will attend at the Company's Headquarters on Tuesday, July 30th, at 5.30 p.m. sharp for squad drill under L/Sergeant M43 Ts'o Chi On. Dress—Mutil.

Signalling.—The Signalling Squad will attend at the Company's Headquarters for practice in Morse and Semaphore under Cr. Sergt. R15 Ow Yeung King Heng on Wednesday, July 31st at 6.00 p.m. sharp.

Inspection Parade.—All ranks of the Chinese Company will parade at Central Police Station on Thursday, August 1st, for the monthly inspection of Arms, Equipment etc. by the Company Commander. Fall in at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Dress—White Uniform, Cap with White Cover; Rifle, Belt, Side-Arms, Truncheon, Whistle, Armband, Badge, "Pocket-Policeman," and Note-Book to be carried. Those not in possession of uniform will attend in mutil. No member may be absent from this parade without leave from the Company's Commander. The Equipment Officers will make it a point of being present.

Indian Company.

Parade.—All ranks of the Indian Company will parade at Police Headquarters on Tuesday, August 6th, for drill under Sergeant Condon. Fall in at 5.30 p.m. sharp. White Uniform, belt and cap with white cover. No member may be absent from this parade without leave from the Company Commander.

Flying Squad.

The fortnightly patrol of the Hongkong Section will take place on Thursday, August 8th. Fall in at the Central Police Station at 5.51 p.m. sharp. Dress—Khaki Uniform.

The next fortnightly patrol of the Kowloon Section will take place on Tuesday, August 13th. Fall in at the Tsim-lau-tai Fire Brigade Station at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Dress—Khaki Uniform.

Sharpshooters' Company.

Revolver Practice.—Members of this Company are reminded of the revolver practice to be held on Sunday, August 4th, at 10.00 a.m., for details, see last week's orders.

Arms Licences.—Members are again reminded of the urgent necessity of being provided with Arms Licences.

Khaki Helmets.—Khaki Helmets should be drawn from the Police Store on any Saturday morning, as soon as possible.

**BRIDGE
MADE EASY**
by
W.W. Wentworth

(Abbreviations: A—ace; K—king; Q—queen; J—jack; X—any card lower than 10.)

Six Allibi Conventions—1.

There are six conventions which you will repeatedly hear at the bridge table, six popular fallacies to which many players mistakenly adhere regardless of circumstances—six rules which are not really rules at all. These are:

- 1—Always cover an honour with an honour.
- 2—Always return partner's lead.
- 3—Always play second hand low.
- 4—Always play third hand high.
- 5—Always play through strength.
- 6—Always play up to weakness.

The player who constantly follows these conventions frequently sacrifices tricks which logical play would win. He has his excuse handy when he fails to achieve his object but there is scant consolation in that.

Bridge is most enjoyable when it is played by reason rather than rote. The stereotyped player exposes himself to every strategic manoeuvre of his opponents—the misuses most of the worth-while thrills of the game. The accomplished player knows when to deviate from the alibi conventions. He knows their real meaning and follows them rationally. He recognizes the moment to cast them aside.

Among passengers leaving on the Suwa Maru on Saturday were Mr. J. E. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Smith, Mr. R. P. Patterson and Mr. E. C. Thomas.

The Very Idea!

Whilst in Russia, Liszt was commanded to play before the Tsar at the Palace of Peterhof, and while Liszt was improvising some piece His Majesty held converse with the Empress and other members of his Household, in a sufficiently loud tone to irritate the nerves of the composer.

Liszt suddenly stopped, and the Tsar, noticing the general silence, requested him to go on. Liszt rose from his seat, and making a deep bow, replied:—"Sire, when the King speaks, all should remain silent."

The Tsar, who was quick to catch a witty mot, felt the sting of the remark, since Liszt considered himself to be "King of art" in music if the Tsar was "King of a nation."

The result was that the musician was handed his passport the next morning, the meaning of which implied a courteous request to cross the frontier immediately.

"Present-day clothes have a splendid finish haven't they, dear?"

"Yes, but the starting price is something awful!"

Paddy went into the market to sell a turkey which had unfortunately lost one of its eyes in a fight. A man offered 8s. for it.

"Be'd off wid ye," exclaimed Paddy. "Three shillings for a foin bird like that!"

"Well," said the man, "it has lost one of its eyes."

"Lost one of its eyes, did ye say?" cried Paddy. "Can't ye see the intelligent creature's only giving me the wink not to take your offer?"

[One London store installed turnstiles to cope with the sale-time rush.]

Oh, shoppers, take your places, Oh, hunters, join the queue! With eyes agleam a steady stream

Is being marshalled through, No need to rush and scramble In mass formation thick

On apolls intent—no rest content Your turn will come to "click."

"How is your husband getting on?" said the doctor.

"Well, sir, I borrowed the barometer from the 'Red Lion' and put it again' him, and it said, 'Very Dry,' so I gave him a quart of beer and he has gone back to his work."

Solicitor at Bow—Are you a widow? Woman—My husband said that I could call myself one.

A London newspaper stated recently that "the Duke of York yesterday celebrated his 78th birthday."

Judge Thompson, K.C., at Bow County Court, after a voluble woman finished, "I am always content to wait for my turn."

Indignant youth at Bangor Police Court—This policeman shifted me from the corner of the street—land my father fought for.

Woolstone Magistrate—What does this man do for a living? Witness—Well, he goes to work at ten in the morning, so it must be a post in a Government department.

A Carlisle schoolboy, asked in an examination the form of address he would use to the sitting member of Parliament for his division—the Hon. William Watson, Lord Advocate of Scotland—said "Dear Bill."

The owner of the very small "baby" car was taking his sweet heart out for an evening spin. Suddenly she nestled closer to him and whispered, "Don't you think it has become frightfully chilly, darling?"

A correspondent tells me (says a Home writer) of a friend of hers who was caught with flue on the Riviera, and a French doctor was called in who prided himself on his knowledge of English. He gave these instructions to the maid: "Cover the lady well with carpets and let her expire."

WATER LEVELS.

FOR WEST, NORTH AND EAST RIVERS.

The following table, compiled by the Board of Conservancy Works of Kwangtung, shows the water levels in English feet on the West, North and East Rivers on the dates named:

	July 27	July 28
Shiuhing	237.	238.
Tsingyuen	9.3	8.3
Samshui	17.8	—
Sheklung	6.0	—

ALICE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.**NEW BUILDING PROVING MOST POPULAR.****ANNUAL MEETING.**

The annual meeting of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals was held in the Chamber of Commerce Building at noon to-day. The Hon. Sir Henry Pollock presided, and the following ladies and gentlemen attended:—Hon. Dr. S. W. T'ao, O.B.E., Rev. H. H. Wells, O.B.E., Mr. W. L. Patten, Mr. T. N. Chan, Mr. J. M. Wong, Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., Mr. M. F. Key, Mr. Justice Wood, Mr. W. H. Bell, Mrs. Wynne-Jones, Miss Ward, Mr. Paul Lander, Mr. S. T. Butlin, Mr. Rimjhan.

After the confirmation of the minutes of the previous annual general meeting, the report and statement of accounts for 1928 were adopted on the motion of Sir Henry Pollock, seconded by Mr. T. N. Chan. The estimates for 1929, allowing for an expenditure of \$45,000 were then approved.

Officers Elected.

On the motion of Mr. Patten, seconded by Mr. Bell, Sir Henry Pollock was re-elected Chairman, and the Hon. Dr. T'ao, Deputy-Chairman.

Sir Henry and Dr. T'ao thanked the meeting in a few words for the confidence reposed in them. Five members of the Executive Committee were then elected, on the motion of Dr. T'ao and Mr. Stevenson. They were:—Mr. W. L. Patten, Mr. T. N. Chan, Mr. J. M. Wong, Hon. Dr. Kotewall, and Mr. Paul Lander.

On the motion of Mr. Butlin, seconded by Mr. Key, the following gentlemen were elected to the General Committee:—Hon. Mr. B. D. F. Bell, Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, Mr. P. S. Cassidy, Mr. M. K. Lo, Mr. Tang Shu-kin.

The thanks of the committee were tendered to Mr. T. N. Chan, for collecting Chinese donations, to Messrs. Lipstod and Davis for their services as Hon. Treasurers, and to Messrs. Lowe, Blinham and Matthews for auditing the accounts.

New Alice Hospital.

Dr. F. R. Ashton then read a statement on the New Alice Memorial Hospital, as follows:

His Excellency the Governor did the honour of declaring the hospital open on February 10. The following week the first patient was admitted, and by the beginning of March the building was in full swing. It is proving a very satisfactory building to work in and the patients like it. The little back ward on the first floor, which at first we were inclined to despise, is proving one of the most popular in the whole hospital. The staff like it and altogether it is proving a very useful addition to our accommodation. It makes us wish that we could get the Nethersole Hospital rebuilt on similar lines right away. The additional cost of the new block is \$200 per month, allowing \$50 for building depreciation.

The Hollywood Road Dispensary has been operating for the past six years and during that time Dr. Coxon To, and latterly Dr. Ernest Lo have treated the out-patients. The fact that 30,000 out-patients have passed through the dispensary, and 85,000 visits been made, gives some idea of the work they have done.

Dr. Ashton then proposed that a vote of thanks be passed for the splendid work performed by Dr. Aubrey in the absence on furlough of Dr. Gibson. This was heartily carried, as were similar votes to Dr. Coxon To and Ernest Lo for their work at the dispensary as honorary physicians.

The meeting then resolved that the secretary be instructed to write to Captain Hall conveying the thanks of the Committee for his very generous gift of his property Ellenbud Villas, Pokfulam, to be used as a sanatorium.

Annual Report.

The annual report of the hospitals disclosed the following: The number of in-patients treated during the year was 1466, each hospital showing a slight increase as compared with 1927. The out-patients numbered 11,555 and the total number of attendance 28,665 as compared with 10,787 and 22,277 respectively during 1927.

During the year we received information that Captain T. P. Hall was prepared to give to the Hospitals a residence at Pokfulam to be used as a sanatorium or in the event of the building being found unsuitable for this purpose to be sold or rented, the proceeds to be held towards the erection of a sanatorium at some future date. The arrangements for the transfer of the property were not completed at the end of the year but we expect the final transfer to take place in 1929.

CANTON OFFICIALS INAUGURATED.**AIM TO MAKE KWANGTUNG A MODEL PROVINCE.****SATURDAY'S FUNCTION**

Canton, July 28.

In the presence of several hundred civil, military and naval officials, the new members of the Kwangtung Government were formally inducted to office yesterday, at 3 o'clock, at the Government Office. The inauguration should have taken place some time ago but had to be postponed to await the arrival of Mr. Teng Chah-yn, the nominee for the Bureau of Public Construction, who has since definitely refused to accept the appointment for health reasons.

The ceremony was simple but impressive, the new members bowing three times before the photograph of the late Kuomintang leader and the National and Kuomintang flags, followed by the taking of the formal oath.

After the observance of this formality, the Commander-in-Chief, General Chan Chai-tong, who was the officiating Master of Ceremonies, gave an address in which he said that during the period of tutelage, which was fixed for six years, all the provinces must energetically carry out the work planned for them, namely, to complete the opening of communications, to attend to police matters, to survey the land, to investigate the number of the population, and to develop education. He thought that Kwangtung, being the birth-place of the Revolution, and having enjoyed the personal guidance and instructions of the late leader, might have this work completed within three or four years. He also expressed the hope that since Kwangtung had a model district in Chung-shan, there was no reason why the present Canton Government could not make Kwangtung a model province.

The Chairman of the Provincial Government, General Chan Ming-shu, in reply, agreed with Commander-in-Chief that the work before Kwangtung during the tutelage period might be completed within three or four years. "On the present inauguration ceremony of the new members," said General Chan, "my policy is the same as that of last year, that is, to observe the law, to maintain an open policy, and to employ men on the basis of public service, and not of personal consideration."

Conservancy Bureau.

Mr. Yang Sai-nam, at one time local Commissioner of Finance and a staunch friend of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen, for whose cause he willingly sacrificed all his fortune, is reported to be soon appointed Director of the Kwangtung Conservancy Bureau.

The "Canton Gazette."

It is learned that the Canton Gazette, which has been suspended for the last two months, will re-start as soon as re-organization of the paper has been completed.—Canton News Agency.

Endowment Fund.

The first part of the Stephens bequest was received during the year amounting to \$42,000. Of this sum \$41,200 was used to purchase Hongkong Government 6% Loan, and the remaining \$800 put on fixed deposit at 5%. This will give us an additional income in 1929 of \$2,440. There is still a further sum of \$15,000 to come from this bequest.

Other additions to the Endowment Fund during the year were \$1,000 from Mrs. Mackenzie and \$500 from the father of the late Dr. Eric Woods, and we are greatly indebted to the generous donors.

Further additions to the Endowment Fund are urgently needed, as the lack of an adequate Endowment Fund is a great handicap to the work and it is earnestly hoped that additional sums may be forthcoming.

The new building marks the completion of the first part of the scheme for the rebuilding of the Alice Memorial and Nethersole Hospitals. We hope as soon as possible to proceed with the second part of the scheme which consists in the replacement of the present Nethersole Hospital by two blocks at an approximate cost of \$125,000 each. The sale of the Hollywood Road Dispensary, which we hope to effect during 1929 together with certain sums already in hand will give a nucleus of about \$50,000 to the erection of the first block.

Several Funds.

The year has been a difficult one financially. The receipts total \$44,088.36 and the expenditure \$46,042.76 leaving a deficit of \$1,954.40 on the year's working and this deficit would have been much larger

SHOOTING AFFRAY IN SHANGHAI.**LOAFERS ATTACK CHINESE CONSTABLES.****SIX ARRESTS MADE.**

Shanghai, July 23.

An attack made by a gang of loafers upon two Chinese constables early yesterday morning in the eastern district, culminated in three persons being shot and six loafers arrested. The timely arrival of a foreign probationary sergeant and two other Chinese constables prevented what might have been a very serious affair.

Those injured included one of the attacked constables, a Chinese woman, and a loafer. The constable was shot through the ankle with his own pistol, while the two others were shot through the leg by stray bullets. The woman was taken to St. Elizabeth's Hospital, while the constable and gangster are now in the Police Hospital. Neither of the three are in a serious condition.

The fracas took place on Rangoon Road at 2.30 a.m. Two Chinese constables on duty nearby were approached by a woman who stated that she had been assaulted. They were taken to the scene of the fracas where the woman pointed out the man whom she claimed had assaulted her, but when the constables attempted to arrest the man, they were attacked by about 10 loafers who were standing nearby.

One of the constables drew his pistol and fired a number of shots over the heads of the attackers, but his weapon was snatched out of his hand and he was roughly man-handled. The other constable made a grab for his weapon, but he was knocked down and the pistol taken by a loafer who fired pistol-blank at him. The bullet, fortunately, did not go in the direction intended and struck the constable in the ankle.

A foreign probationary sergeant and two Chinese constables from the Reserve Unit, who happened to hear the shooting, rushed to the scene. The gang of loafers made a general scramble in all directions to get away, but six of them started in their getaway a little too late, being arrested. It was subsequently found that the woman who had made the complaint had been shot through the leg and that one of the loafers had also sustained a bullet wound in his leg.

but for the receipt of a sum of \$4,400 from the Au Tack Estate.

During the year, however, the Hospitals were fulfilling their full responsibility as regards the salaries of the non-Chinese members of the staff for the first time since 1925, and in addition a large sum was spent on repairs and repainting which had been held over in some cases since 1924.

When it is further taken into account that a special fund of some \$10,000 was collected during the year for the furnishing of the new Hospital, and that this sum was being asked for at the same time as the ordinary annual donations were being collected, the figures, though far from being satisfactory are not so bad as would at first appear.



"Dorothy, stop jumping around like that! You're attracting attention."

THE SINKING OF THE "HSIN KONG."**FOUNDERS IN 20 MINUTES IN 25 FATHOMS.****DEATH ROLL SET AT 60.**

Shanghai, July 27.

Precise information regarding the sinking of the s.s. Hsin Kong in a collision with the N. Y. K. s.s. Tatsuno Maru off the North-East Promontory during the weekend, is not available, as the survivors are all on board the Japanese vessel, which is proceeding on her trip to Kobe.

As far as is known at present, the death-roll is about 60, though the total loss of life may never be accurately obtained, owing to the practice of carrying "pidgin" passengers.

Japanese Boat's Escape.

The local office of the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company yesterday sent a representative to Japan, and also instructed Lloyds' Kobe surveyor to investigate the cause of the accident. The Tatsuno Maru, carrying the survivors from the wreck, is expected to reach Kobe early this morning when details of the disaster will be obtained.

According to one of the Chinese officials of the local office, the Tatsuno Maru must have struck the Hsin Kong as the former was a vessel about three times the size of the sunken steamer and also escaped practically without injury. The truth of the matter will not, however be known until the statements of both captains are taken in Kobe.

Many "Pidgin" Passengers.

The local office are still in the dark as to the total number of passengers on board the s.s. Hsin Kong at the time of the disaster, as most of the coastal vessels carry a number of "pidgin" passengers whose names do not always appear on the official list. It is believed not unlikely that there were a number of these passengers on board at the time of the collision.

A Chinese official of the Company yesterday confirmed the report that the assistant commander of the vessel had gone down with the vessel. Owing to a quarrel with the tea boys on the ship, the commander did not make the trip.

Vessel Sunk in 25 Fathoms.

The collision occurred on Sunday afternoon when the s.s. Hsin Kong was en route from Shanghai to Tientsin. Some distance off the Northeast Promontory, in a thick fog, the China Merchants' vessel met the s.s. Tatsuno Maru belonging to the N. Y. K. and a collision occurred, resulting in the sinking of the Hsin Kong and the loss of 57 or 60 passengers, members of the crew and some of the comprador staff. The captain, other members of the crew and the remainder of the passengers were rescued from the foundering vessel by the crew of the Japanese ship which is carrying them to Kobe and is expected there this morning.

Owing to the dense fog, the suddenness of the collision and the huge hole in the side of the Hsin Kong amidships, rescue work was difficult and was made increasingly so by the stricken vessel sinking within 20 minutes of the impact. There appears to be little hope of salvage as the vessel lies in more than 25 fathoms of water.

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DISPUTE OVER A MOTOR CYCLE.**CLAIM AGAINST A GARAGE FAILS IN COURT.****ACCIDENT SEQUEL.**

"According to Chinese custom, so long as anybody gives instructions to sell, I sell," said a Chinese garage proprietor in the Summary Court this morning in defending a claim against him for the return of a Harley Davidson motor cycle, or its value, which he was alleged to have sold without the authority of the owner.

The plaintiff was Leung Yuen-chan, No. 189, Lai-chikok Road, Shamshui, and he sued the Tai Yau Garage, No. 2, Whitfield Road, Causeway Bay, claiming the return of the cycle (No. 466), valued at \$675 or its return and \$200 for its detention.

Mr. F. H. Loseby conducted the plaintiff's case and Mr. F. X. D'Almada, Jr., defended.

According to the plaintiff's story, he bought the cycle new on December 11, 1928, and had an accident while riding it on Shaubai Road on December 25, as a result of which his leg was broken and he spent two days in St. Paul's Hospital. After staying at home for two months, he enquired about his cycle and was told by the defendant that it had been sold on the instructions of Ah Kwong.

No Instructions.

Plaintiff stated he knew Ah Kwong who was a partner with him in the Sing Tuk Importing company, No. 189, Queen's Road Central, but he had never given Ah Kwong instructions to sell the cycle. He was told by the defendant that the machine fetched \$280, from which money for repairs must be deducted.

Mr. Loseby indicated that that evidence closed his case, and, at his Lordship's request, Tong Him-kut, alias Ah Kwong, was called for the defence. He affirmed that he ordered the cycle to be repaired and sold on the plaintiff's instructions.

Cheng Lu, the proprietor of the defendant garage, said he received his instructions from Ah Kwong. The cost of repairing the motor cycle was \$160 and he was therefore prepared to pay over \$120. He added he considered \$280 to be a reasonable sale price. He had been paid \$40 for repairs, but he did not agree to pay \$160, because there was the cost of taking the machine to the garage and storage to be deducted.

His Lordship said he thought he was bound to find for the defendant. He thought it was quite clear that the defendant acted on Tong's instructions.

Mr. Loseby.—But did Tong have authority?

His Lordship.—Well, I think he did.

Question of Cost.

Mr. Loseby remarked there was the point as to whether it was sold at a reasonable cost.

His Lordship.—Why do you claim \$675?

Mr. Loseby.—It was simply a question of evidence, and it was the only figure I could prove.

His Lordship.—At the most, the defendant is liable for the value of the article as he received it. The value, as he received it, was something very much less than \$675.

His Lordship later said:—"You don't gain the sympathy of the Court by putting up an excessive claim."

Mr. Loseby replied that one could not claim generally in the Summary Court because of the limit. The alternative would have been to have put in a claim for \$1,000 generally. He thought it was quite a good pleading, but he had never hoped to get \$675, or anything near it.

Police Evidence.

With regard to the reasonable price point, Sgt. J. Brown, of the traffic police, gave evidence as to the damage the cycle received and stated that, in his opinion, a good second-hand motor cycle should fetch 50 per cent. of the new price.

His Lordship decided that the cycle was sold on Tong's instructions, he was authorised by the plaintiff to give those instructions, and that the price it was sold for was reasonable. Judgment would therefore be given for the defendant.

Foreign Officers Saved.

Two of the ship's officers are among those who perished, both Chinese, one being the acting chief engineer. The other three officers were saved, Captain Hansen, by the crew of the Tatsuno Maru who put out in small craft to search for survivors, and O. Tekchorsky, 3rd Officer, and Adolph Kalnin, acting Chief Officer, by the crew of the Tientsin Maru.

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THE FOURTH TEST MATCH.

ENGLAND SCORE 427 FOR SEVEN WICKETS.

Manchester, July 27. There was an attendance of 6,000 spectators to witness the start of the Fourth Test. The weather was fine and the wicket perfect. Tate and Hammond were replaced by Barratt and Hendren, with Sandham as twelfth man.

Carr won the toss and sent in Sutcliffe and Bowley to open England's innings. Early disaster befell the home team, both opening batsmen being sent back before the first half century had been knocked up. The Yorkshireman had only collected nine when he had to wicket up by Morkel, while Bowley was slightly more fortunate. He had reached 13 before being dismissed.

It was left to Wyatt and Woolley to master the visitors' attack. The left-hander, who had distinguished himself in the third test, proceeded to punish the howling and received valuable support from his partner, who went in first wicket down, had scored 4 against Woolley's 14. They were still together when play was adjourned for lunch, Wyatt's score then being 24 while Woolley had helped himself to 69 runs. The total was 130 for two wickets.

Record Partnership. After the luncheon interval the batsmen continued to score freely and soon each reached three figures. Woolley was the first to leave, but not until he had made the highest Test score of his career. Incidentally he and Wyatt were engaged in a record third wicket partnership against South Africa, the two knocking out 245 before being separated.

The previous best score for the Third wicket in Anglo-South African Test Matches was 152, made by W. Rhodes and G. P. Mend at Johannesburg in 1913-14.

Woolley has made two previous centuries against South Africa, one at Johannesburg in 1922-23 and the other, the following year at Lord's.

On both occasions he was undefeated, his 134 at Lord's being his highest contribution in a Test Match. In scoring 164 against the tourists at Manchester on Saturday the left-hander was credited with 20 boundary hits. His runs were made chiefly by drives and pulls.

Wyatt Dismissed. After Woolley had left Hendren joined Wyatt but was not associated for long when he was sent back to the pavilion with twelve runs to his credit. Leyland was next in and had scored two when the match was stopped for tea, the score being 317 for four wickets.

Wyatt was the next to leave, being sent back by Vincent, who had the batsman caught by Cameron. Wyatt had made 114 runs. Leyland passed the half century mark before being caught while Carr only managed ten runs. Gaily attacked the tired bowler and had collected 31 when the innings was closed. Barratt was two not out. With 28 extras the innings reached 427 for seven wickets.

The full scores were:
England: 1st Innings.
H. Sutcliffe, b Morkel 9
E. H. Bowley, b Bell 3
R. E. S. Wyatt, c Cameron, b Vincent 113
F. Woolley, c and b Vincent 154
E. Hendren, b Quinn 12
M. Leyland, c Cameron, b Mitchell 55
A. V. Carr, c Bell, b Quinn 10
G. Geary, not out 2
F. Barratt, not out 28
Extras 28
Total (for 7 wickets) 427

G. Duckworth and A. P. Freeman to bat.

WATER POLO.

V.R.C. TEAMS FOR TOMORROW AND WEDNESDAY.

The following have been chosen to represent the V.R.C. "A" against the Chinese "A" at 6 p.m. on Tuesday the 30th July, at the V.R.C. Camber—J. Stewart (Capt.), J. R. Soares, L. Weill, S. V. Gittins, Dr. D. Liang, C. E. Roza Pereira and T. L. Knight. Reserves—J. R. Johnstone and E. Zimmern.

The following have been chosen to represent the V.R.C. "B" in their league match against the Kowloon Swimming Club "B" at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, the 31st July, at the V.R.C. Camber—J. A. Victor (Capt.), H. M. Remedios, W. Foralita, R. H. W. Maynard, L. Roza Pereira, W. Lawrence and R. M. da Rocha. Reserves—M. Carvalho and E. Assumpcao.

National League.	W	L	Pct.
Chicago	55	30	.646
Pittsburgh	50	32	.636
New York	51	42	.548
St. Louis	45	45	.500
Brooklyn	41	48	.460
Boston	39	53	.423
Philadelphia	36	52	.409
Cincinnati	34	56	.377

American League.	W	L	Pct.
Philadelphia	67	25	.728
New York	55	33	.625
St. Louis	52	40	.565
Cleveland	46	46	.505
Detroit	45	47	.489
Washington	35	52	.402
Chicago	36	57	.387
Boston	27	64	.296

HONGKONG IMPORTS.

EFFECT OF MANCHESTER WAGE DISPUTE.

The fortnightly Price Current Market Report, published by the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce, states:

Cotton Piece Goods.

The following reports have been received: There is no evidence as yet of a general resumption of market activity, though small miscellaneous sales, chiefly Light Fancies, continue to be effected. Small lots of Standard White Shirtings have also been sold and some enquiry has been experienced for certain descriptions of Dyed Goods at limits which will require revision before business is possible.

Contingent upon the wage dispute between employers and operatives in Lancashire, Manchester merchants are now stipulating for strike and lockout clause in all new contracts.

American cotton values have fluctuated on weather reports. Latest quotation for Mid Am. "Spot" being 18.80d. Eg. Sakel is slightly higher at 16.95d. than when we last reported.

Another report states: Market remains quiet with a small business being done. Some orders have been fixed up for White Shirtings, Cotton Lawns and Fancies. There has been some enquiry for Blacks, and clearances have been a little better. Manchester prices have been steady, but the Lancashire industry is facing the wages dispute, and there may be some uncertainty about deliveries until this question is settled.

Woolens.

Nothing to report as regards new business. The next season's goods are beginning to arrive, but it is too early for them to go into consumption in any quantity. With the more settled conditions prevailing in South China it is hoped that there will be a good demand.

Cotton Yarn.

Market has been very quiet during the interval and no sales have been effected.

Nominal quotations are as follows:—No. 10s. \$160-175; No. 12s. \$170-175; No. 16s. \$175-180; No. 20s. \$185-190.

"NEW YEAR'S EVE."

NEW FOX FILM FOR QUEEN'S.

Romance, comedy and drama are well blended in "New Year's Eve," a new Fox feature film, which will be shown on Tuesday and Wednesday at the Queen's Theatre.

The plot concerns a girl of the townships who, on New Year's Eve, finds herself penniless. A young millionaire, sensing she is in need, forces upon her a hundred dollar bill on which he has written "Happy New Year." The girl leads to a series of exciting adventures.

A strong supporting cast adds to the excellence of the film. Earle Foxe, Florence Lake, Arthur Stone, Helen Ware, Sumner Getchell, Virginia Vance, Stuart Erwin and other noted players take part in the production, which the director, Henry Lehrman, rates as one of the most successful of his many screen efforts.

FOOTBALL AFFAIRS.

COUNCIL MEETING FOR WEDNESDAY.

A meeting of the Council of the H.K.F.A. is held in the Association Offices, 4th floor French Bank Buildings at 5.30 p.m. on Wednesday the 31st July. The agenda is: 1. To confirm the minutes of Council meeting No. 1. 2. To consider correspondence relative to the playing by affiliated and unaffiliated Clubs of Charity games during the off season.

A PAIR OF LIARS.

ARREST OF SMALL GIRL WITH OPIUM.

In a case resulting from the arrest of a little girl in possession of 36 taels of opium, Revenue Officer Grimmitt stated at the Police Court this morning that the girl admitted to having been employed as a carrier by a man who was still at large.

Interrogated, she had said that the man had gone back into the country. But before this she led the Revenue Officers to two fictitious addresses, and finally took them into Chinese Street, where a small boy, who was pointed out as being her brother, fled upon the appearance of the officers. He was captured after a short chase, and turned out, according to R.O. Grimmitt, to be "as big a liar as the girl."

Pursuing the matter further, the officers discovered that the girl was a waif, and was without any relatives here.

The Court was asked to agree that this was a case, which was peculiarly suitable for the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs. While the matter was held over for the consideration of the Secretariat, the girl was remanded for 48 hours in police custody.

MARINE COURT.

MOTOR SCHOONER ANCHORS IN FAIRWAY.

Sitting as Marine Magistrate this morning, Mr. T. W. H. Rosegood, the acting Deputy Harbour Master, imposed a fine of \$10 with the alternative of 10 days' imprisonment with hard labour, on the coxswain of a motor schooner for causing an obstruction in the Central Fairway. In pleading a guilty, defendant stated that it was owing to his ignorance of the regulations that he anchored his schooner in the Fairway.

Both the master of a fishing boat and the mistress of a cargo boat pleaded guilty when charged with mooring their boats at Causeway Bay without a permit. They were each fined \$5 or five days.

For lying inshore during prohibited hours, the mistresses of two passenger boats and the foki of another sampan were each fined \$5.

PERAK MINING DISASTER.

MORE THAN 20 COOLIES ENTOMBED.

The worst mining disaster of recent times occurred on Saturday afternoon at Papan, resulting in 23 mining coolies being entombed alive.

The accident occurred on the Johan mine, which is at present subleased to Chinese, who are working on open cast methods.

One half of the face of the mine fell in burying 23 coolies who were working below. Every endeavour was made to dig out the unfortunate men, but the efforts were unsuccessful owing to the volume of debris which practically filled the mine area previously dredged by the Johan Tin Dredging Company.

It is believed that a subterranean river runs through the mine, which is one of the oldest in the country.

The work of the students of the May Sheung Embroidery School is being placed on exhibition at the St. George's School, Wyndham Street, opposite the Central Police Station, the display, which started on Saturday, being spread over a period of three days. The exhibition opens at noon and 9 p.m. to-day and those interested in embroidery work should pay a visit to the school during the course of the day. The exhibits include work of all standards of efficiency, some being of exceedingly attractive designs.

RESERVOIRS NOW FILLING UP.

(Continued from Page 1.)

fall registered at the Kowloon reservoir area being in the neighbourhood of three inches.

There has been an increase in storage of 50,000,000 gallons since Friday morning, and the total in storage is now 394,000,000 gallons. The reservoir is expected to overflow to-morrow or the next day.

Observatory Returns.

The Royal Observatory figures show that 3.04 inches of rain have fallen in the past 48 hours, 1.64 inches on Saturday, and Sunday morning, and 1.40 inches up to ten o'clock this morning.

The total rainfall for the year is 36.20 inches, compared with about 15 inches at the beginning of the month, and an average of 50.65 inches.

Further rain is expected by the Director of the Royal Observatory.

The following is the disposition of warships now in port—

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North Arm: H.M.S. Somme.
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In Dock: H.M.S. Sterling, H.M.S. Stormcloud and H.M.S. Cleala.
Foreign: U.S.S. Mindanao.

SERIOUS CHARGE.

FILIPINO CASE FOR THE SESSIONS.

A more serious charge has been preferred against Luis Oliva, a Filipino, who was arrested last week on charges of indecently assaulting a married woman, N. Fralladana, and of assaulting her husband, No. 5, King's Terrace, second floor. Oliva was brought before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court and remanded until this morning.

When the case was mentioned, Detective Sergeant Fitches handed his Worship another charge brought in respect of Mrs. Fralladana, under the same Ordinance (the Protection of Women and Girls).

His Worship asked if the new indictment was a substitution of the first charge or additional, and was informed that it was in substitution of the original charge of indecent assault.

Under the new charge, detective Sergeant Fitches intimated that the case would be a committal one.

The defendant was remanded till Thursday afternoon at 2.15 p.m. for hearing.

The defendant, before being escorted from the Court, asked for the production of certain photographs.

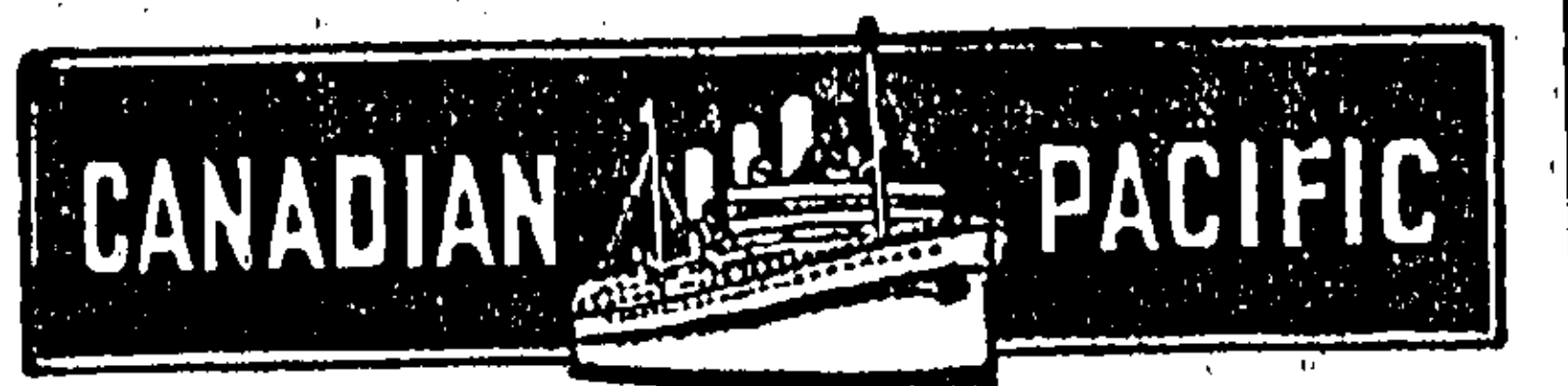
It was explained by the police that the defendant had certain photographs and letters which might have some bearing on the cases. These together with the witness, the defendant desired called, are to be produced at the hearing of the case.

NOT SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE.

CASE AGAINST A SAMPAN WOMAN FAILS.

Arrested on a charge of being in unlawful possession of four spanners, two chisels and a scrubbing brush, the mistress of a passenger sampan, who appeared before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning, was discharged on the ground that there was no evidence that the articles were reasonably suspected of having been stolen.

Sergeant Watton, who effected



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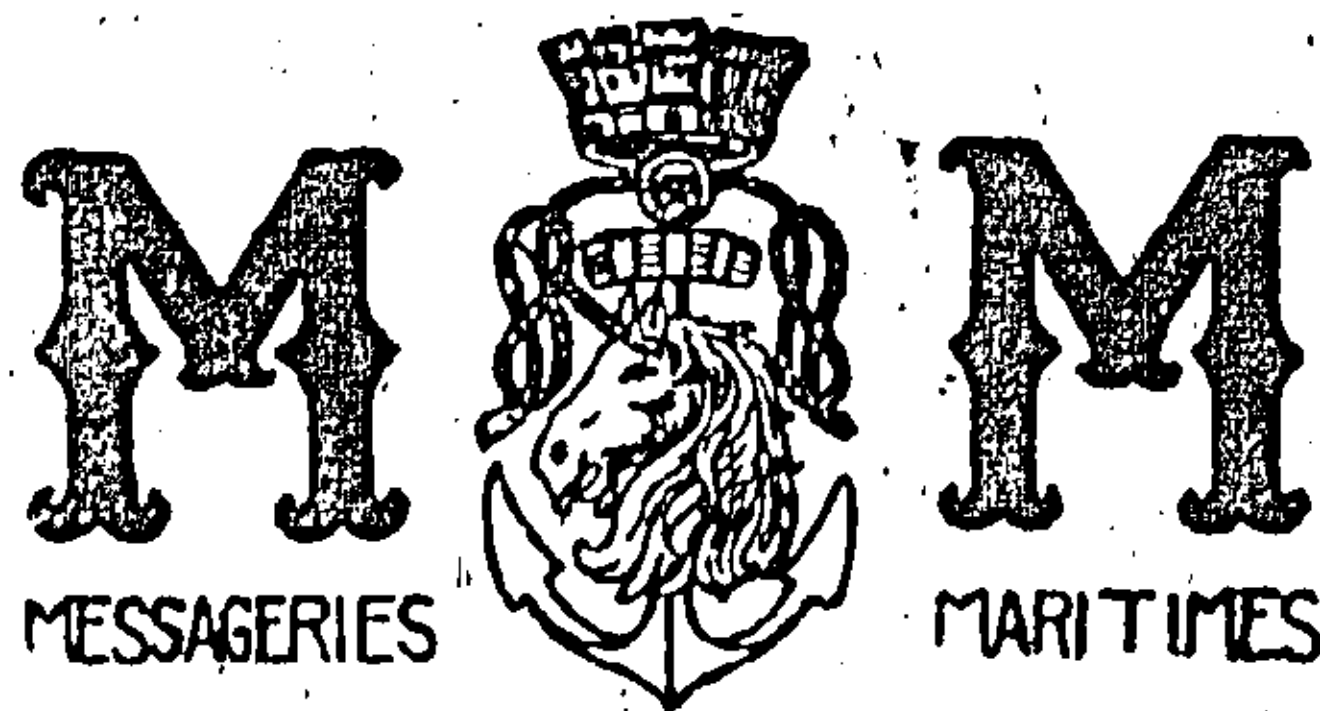
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M. POINCARÉ RESIGNS.

M. BRIAND FORMING NEW CABINET.

Paris, July 27. The French Cabinet has resigned.

Later, M. Poincaré (the Premier) persisted in his determination to resign in spite of the supreme appeal of M. Briand and M. Barthou, who called at his house early this morning, to retain the Premiership.

M. Poincaré's operation is on the prostate gland and will necessitate several months' complete rest.

General opinion is that M. Briand will succeed to the Premiership.—*Reuter*.

Not an Easy Task.

Paris, July 27. M. Briand has agreed to form a Cabinet.

Cabinet making will not be easy. In view of the forthcoming Hague Conference it is desirable to include in the next Cabinet some Radicals, who form the largest group in the Chamber, but the Radicals will probably insist as a condition of joining the Government on again securing the Ministry of the Interior, which they regard as their own prerogative, but which the non-Radical, M. Tardieu, is now filling, and on the eve of the prospective Communist demonstrations on August 1 a change at the Ministry which controls the police would be a serious matter.—*Reuter*.

British Sympathy.

London, July 27. The following telegram has been despatched to M. Poincaré: "We are much grieved to learn of Your Excellency's illness. Please accept my sympathy and my sincere wishes for your speedy recovery. Signed J. Ramsay MacDonald."

—*British Wireless*.

M. Poincaré's Career.

M. Raymond Poincaré, who is now 60 years old, started life as a student of law, practicing his profession in Paris. Having been appointed legal advisor to the Dramatic Authors' Society he soon took an interest in literature and wrote his "Idees Contemporaines," which won him membership of the Academy. He also took an interest in journalism and an increasing interest in politics, and in 1887 was elected deputy and soon made his name in the Chamber. In 1893 he entered the Dupuy Cabinet as Minister of Education and the next year was appointed Finance Minister.

In 1903 he entered the Senate and in 1906 was Finance Minister in the Sarrien Cabinet. When in 1912 the Caillaux Cabinet resigned, M. Poincaré formed his successor, retaining for himself the Finance Ministry.

In 1912, in spite of the opposition of Clemenceau and Combes, he was elected President. In 1914 he visited Russia and shortly after his return the War broke out. After the war he took his stand on the full execution of the terms of the Versailles Treaty and refused to make any sort of concession to Germany or Soviet Russia. When his term as President ended he presided over the Reparations Commission, but after the Hythe Conference resigned because he saw indications of an intention to modify the Treaty.

When, during the Cannes Conference in January, 1922, the tension between Britain and France increased and M. Briand had to resign, M. Poincaré formed a Cabinet. In January, 1923, he

carried through the occupation of the Ruhr and resisted all the efforts of the Cabinets of Bonar Law and Ramsay MacDonald to induce him to modify his attitude.

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ANGLO-EGYPTIAN TREATY.

NEWSPAPER'S INTERESTING DISCLOSURES.

Cairo, July 27. According to the newspaper *El Mokattam*, Egyptian official circles understand that the British Government views sympathetically the Anglo-Egyptian draft treaty drawn up by the Egyptian negotiators.

This draft treaty, *El Mokattam* says, will comprise the following:—

The British High Commissioner in Egypt will become Ambassador and the Egyptian Minister in London will be raised to ambassadorial rank.

The Sudan Treaty of 1899 (under which the Sudan was to be administered jointly by Britain and Egypt) to be recognised;

Sudan debts to Egypt will be recognised;

A small portion of the Egyptian Army will return to the Sudan;

Britain will agree to the abolition of foreign capitulations and the transfer of the powers of Consular courts to mixed courts;

Britain will relinquish her claims for the protection of minorities;

Britain will support Egypt with force of arms in case of aggression against Egypt;

Egypt will, similarly, support Britain; and, lastly,

The British force in Egypt will be transferred to the Suez Canal zone.

El Mokattam adds that the Labour Government of Britain will insist that such Treaty should be ratified by a freely elected Egyptian Parliament.—*Reuter*.

"Not Fully Accurate."

London, July 27. *Reuter* understands that the proposals in the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty, as adumbrated by *El Mokattam*, are now being discussed by a Cabinet sub-committee and service department in London, though it is stated that *El Mokattam's* version is incomplete and not fully accurate, and the proposals have not yet reached the Cabinet.

Mahmoud Pasha, who is spending the week-end with King Fuad, may refer to the matter next week.—*Reuter*.

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TO-DAY'S BROADCAST PROGRAMME.

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7.48 p.m. Evening weather report.

8 p.m. Evening Programme, (Victor and H. M. V. Records supplied through the courtesy of Messrs. S. Moutrie and Co., Ltd.)

"Egmont," (Beethoven), Overture, Victor Symphony Orchestra.

"My Old Shako," (Trotter), "Cioze Props,"

Bass, Harry Dearth. "La Campanella," (Paganini—Liszt)

"Staccato Etude," (Rubinstein), Pianoforte Solo, Mascha Levitzki.

"Merry Wives of Windsor," (Nicola), Overture, Victor Symphony Orchestra.

"Minuet," (Paderewski), "Nocturne in E flat major," (Chopin), Piano Solo, Sergei Rachmaninoff.

"The Mikado," (Gilbert and Sullivan), Vocal Opera Company.

"Ballet Egyptian," (Luglin), Organ Solo, Reginald Foot.

"Kathleen Mavourneen," "Love's Old Sweet Song," Tenor, John McCormack.

"Fagiolini," (Leoncavallo), Selection, Creator's Band.

"Nirvana," (Adams), (Squire), "Mountain Lovers," (Squire), Tenor, John Turner.

"Dance of the Hours," Selection, Victor Symphony Orchestra.

"Storm," (Meal), Grand Organ Solo, Arthur Menle.

"The Singing Fool," Selection, De Groot and His Orchestra.

"Crown of the Year," "Hatted Bell," Baritone, Percy Heming.

"A Dream," (Cory—Bartlett), "Humoresque," (Dvorak), Organ Solo, Jesse Crawford.

"Trovatore—Anvil Chorus," (Verdi), "Forge in the Forest," (Micheletti), Arthur Pryor's Band.

"Bungalow of Dreams," Graceland Trio.

"From Midnight Till Dawn," Comedian, Johnny Marvin.

"Popular Songs of Yesterday," Medley Waltz, The Troubadours.

10.30 p.m. Close down.

DUTCH POLITICS.

ELECTIONS TO FIRST CHAMBER.

Amsterdam, July 27. Six of the Provincial States out of eleven have elected one half of the members comprising the First Chamber with the following results:

Catholics 11
Socialists 3
Christian Historicals 3
Liberals 2
Liberal Democrats 2
Anti-Revolutionaries 2

The Right maintain their majority.—*Reuter*.

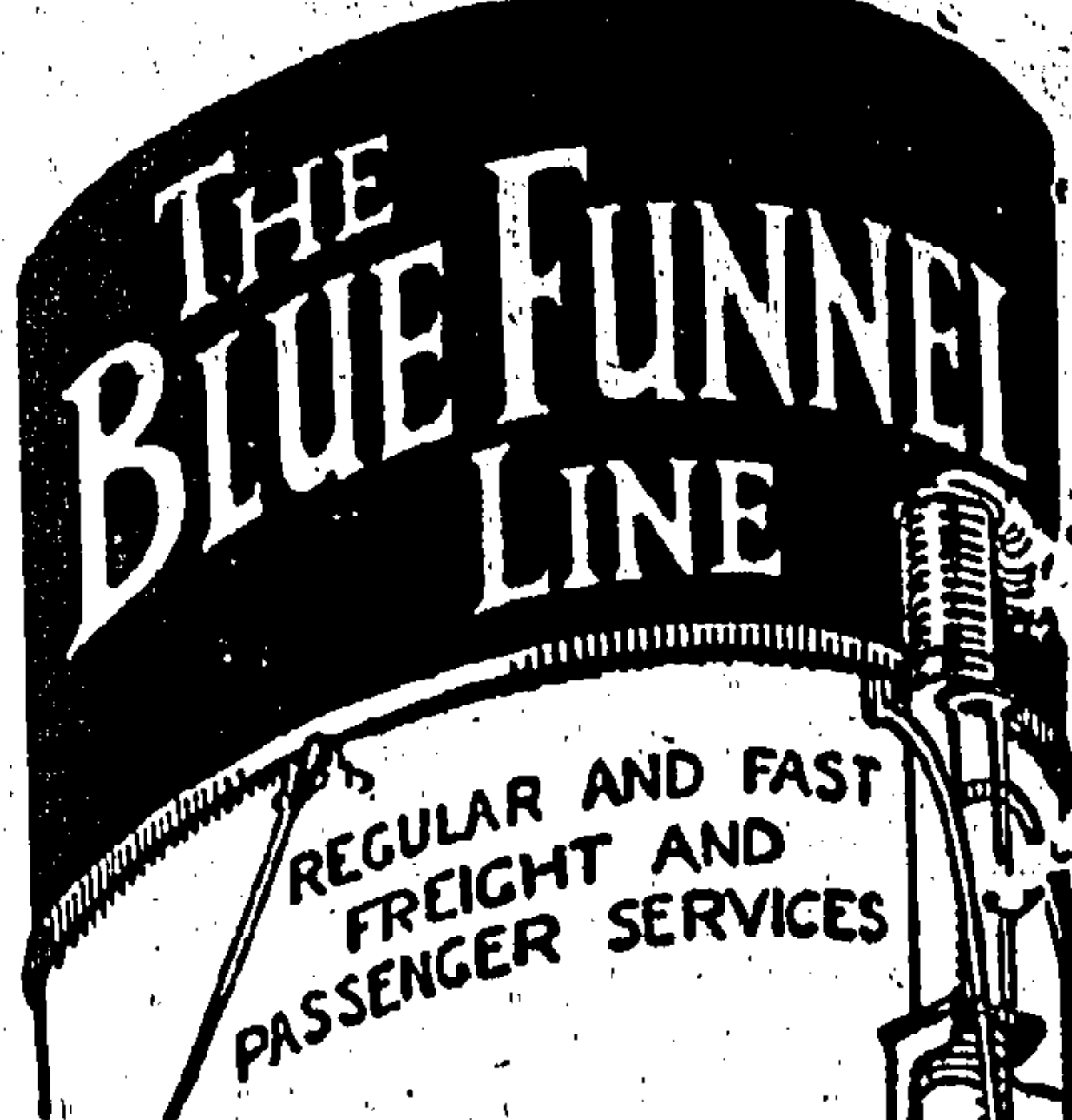
[In 1926 the election resulted: 16 Catholics, 7 Anti-Revolutionaries, 7 Protestant Party, 6 Liberty Union, 3 Democrats, and 11 Social Democrats.]

THE "GRAF ZEPPELIN."

JAPANESE NAVAL OFFICERS AS PASSENGERS.

Friedrichshafen, July 27. A Japanese naval officer named Namasaki is among the 25 passengers aboard the German dirigible "Graf Zeppelin" which started its first test flight since its return after the recent failure to fly to America.

Another flight is planned for tomorrow when several members of the Japanese Embassy, including Captains Fujisaki and Nangaku, will be aboard.—*Reuter*.



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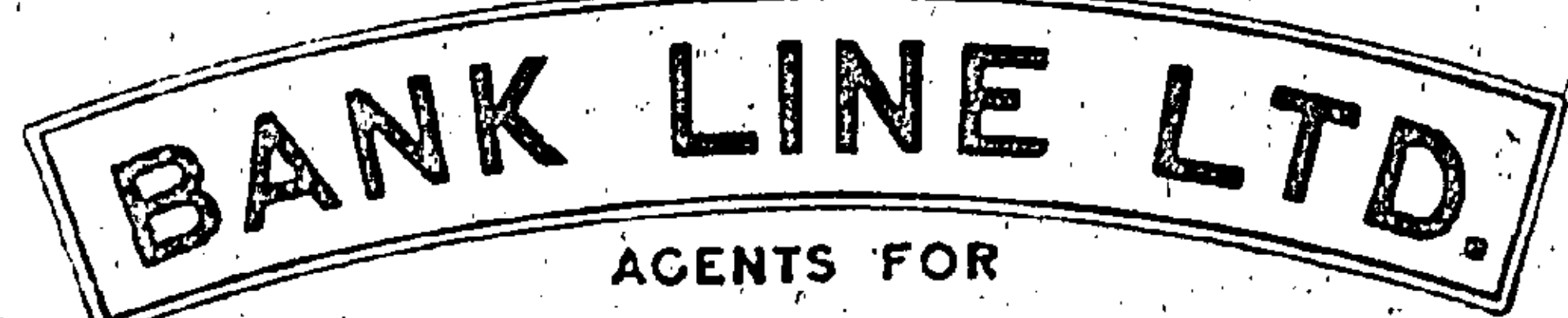
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NAVAL TRAGEDY.

OFFICIAL ACCOUNT OF THE DEVONSHIRE MISHAP.

London, July 27. Hitherto only very bare facts of the H.M.S. Devonshire explosion are available.

After the explosion, the Devonshire steamed to Volo to transfer those injured to a hospital ship.

It is stated that the explosion blew away the whole of a gun turret, which, apparently, was one of those allocated to the Royal Marine detachment on board. All those killed were Marines.

—*Reuter.*

Death-Roll Increases.

Malta, July 27. The Devonshire death-roll has now reached 16.—*Reuter.*

Official Account.

London, July 27. The Secretary of the Admiralty states that a serious gun accident occurred aboard the cruiser Devonshire during firing practice in the Mediterranean yesterday. One officer and seven other ranks of Royal Marines were killed or died of their wounds, and thirteen Marines were injured. The officer killed is Captain John Bath.

Unofficially it is stated that the accident was caused by the blowing off of one of the new eight-inch guns during exercises. An official inquiry will be opened to-day.

The Devonshire is one of the most up-to-date cruisers in commission, having been launched as recently as October, 1927, and commissioned in March, 1929. On a standard displacement of ten thousand tons, she mounts eight eight-inch guns, four three-inch anti-aircraft guns and four three-pounder and two two-pounder pom-poms.—*British Wireless.*

Funeral of Victims.

Athens, July 28. The victims of the accident on H.M.S. Devonshire were buried at Volo with a most impressive funeral attended by dense crowds.

The last honours were rendered by British sailors, Marines and Greek troops.—*Reuter.*

H.M.S. Devonshire is one of the new "County" class cruisers of the Washington 10,000-ton type. She is built on much the same lines as the cruisers in the China Station.

A THANKSGIVING.

SPEEDY ANSWER TO SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR RAIN.

Yesterday evening, in St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Garden Road, was held a special service of thanksgiving to Almighty God for the speedy answer to the special prayers for rain.

At the beginning of the service, the preacher, Rev. Father Gallagher, impressed upon the congregation the duty of returning thanks for favours received. We do it in the case of our human friends but are too often inclined to forget it in the case of God, from whom we receive everything. We should make it a practice of never failing to give thanks to God for the gifts which He is continually bestowing upon us.

After the sermon there was a solemn Te Deum, followed by Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

NEW TO THE PORT.

TWO VESSELS ARRIVE HERE FOR FIRST TIME.

Two vessels new to the port figured in the Harbour Office reports over the week-end, one being a steamer, and the other a motor vessel. Both are comparatively new vessels, the steamer, s.s. Kilnsea, having been built in 1923, and the motor vessel, the Cape Horn, having only just been completed. As a matter of fact, this is the Cape Horn's maiden trip.

Chartered by the Kilnsea Line to carry 1,000 tons of general cargo to Hongkong and 8,000 tons for Shanghai and Japan, the Cape Horn, owned by the Lyle Shipping Co. Ltd. of Glasgow, for whom Sander, Wieler & Co. are the local agents, arrived in port yesterday morning under the command of Capt. John Lamont.

A single screw vessel of 5,643 gross tonnage and 3,014 nett tonnage with a carrying capacity of 9,600 tons, the Cape Horn was built this year by Lithgow, Ltd., Port Glasgow. Her dimensions are length 125 feet, breadth 55 feet and depth 32 feet. Engine by J. G. Kincaid & Co. at Glasgow, she is capable of developing 3,000 Diesel H.P., giving her a speed of 11 knots.

Owned by Wm. Brown, Atkinson & Co. for whom Messrs. Gibb, Livingstone & Co. are the local agents, the s.s. Kilnsea arrived here under the command of Capt. C. Harbison with a crew of 21 British seamen and 10 Asiatics. Arriving from Calcutta, she has on board 6,300 tons of coal for local discharge and another 2,000 tons for ports beyond.

The Kilnsea is a steel screw steamer of 5,418 gross tonnage and 3,361 nett tonnage and was built in 1923 by Irvin, S.B. & D.D. Co. Ltd. at Hartlepool. Registered at Hull, her dimensions are length 176 feet, breadth 51.2 feet and depth 32 feet. She was engine by Richardsons, Westgarth & Co. and is capable of developing 412 N.H.P.

RAILWAY MISHAPS.

KOWLOON-CANTON TRAIN PARTLY DERAILED.

The Canton-Kowloon slow train which left Kowloon at 9.15 yesterday morning met with an accident near Ping Woo station, on the Chinese section of the line, about 12.20, when for some reason or other it partly ran off the track.

The derailling of the train caused some perturbation to over 300 passengers, but nobody was hurt. The trains from Canton and Kowloon were held up. Engineers and workers on the line had a busy time putting the train back on the track.

The afternoon express from Canton was delayed, and arrived at Kowloon shortly before nine o'clock last night, instead of about seven o'clock.

A Mild Collision. On Friday afternoon while the train from Yuen Tam station on the Canton-Hankow Railway was approaching Shiu Ping station, and was about to slow down, it collided with another train on the journey from Wong Sha station at Canton to Shichow.

The collision was not serious, and apart from shock the passengers were uninjured.

THE PARIS REDS.

ONE OF THE LEADERS ARRESTED.

Paris, July 27. The Secretary of the Communist "Red Front" organisation has been arrested.—*Reuter.*

DISARMAMENT.

APPROVAL OF MR. HOOVER'S ACTION.

Washington, July 27. Telegrams from every corner of the United States and from all parts of the world are pouring in to White House endorsing President Hoover's suspension of the cruiser programme.

Reports received by the Administration indicate that the country as a whole enthusiastically approves of this step. The "Big Navy" group, however, has lost no time in initiating a strenuous campaign against suspension. The group has already circulated a story that the President is acting ultra vires in suspending cruiser construction.

White House promptly countered that with a statement showing that under the terms of the act providing for construction the President is empowered to hold up the construction of any vessels authorised by the measure until June 30, 1931.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Imperial Defence.

Wellington, N.Z., July 27. In response to inquiries, the Prime Minister, Sir Joseph Ward, stated that the British Government's proposals with reference to naval defence have received the attention of the New Zealand Dominion Government, which has communicated a tentative expression of views to London in regard to the matter.

Sir Joseph Ward said that his message made clear that the New Zealand Government attached the greatest importance to the question of naval defence, particularly the naval base at Singapore; and the declared views of New Zealand on the latter question, expressed on previous occasions, remained unaltered.

Sir Joseph pointed out that New Zealand's interest in the Singapore base was indicated by the provision of a contribution of £1,000,000, of which two instalments totalling £250,000 had already been paid. Hope was also expressed that no alteration in the policy of Imperial defence would be made without consultation with the Dominions by the Imperial Government. Sir Joseph added that it had been suggested to the British Government that the matter should be reserved for discussion at the next Imperial conference.—*Reuter.*

NOT IMPLICATED.

NO INSINUATION AGAINST BELGOL OFFICER.

The case in which a Chinese is stated to have given \$500 to secure a job on the R. F. A. Belgol was continued before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy on Saturday. The defendant is alleged to have converted the money to his own use. During the hearing of the case both Mr. F. X. d'Almada, jun. (for the prosecution) and Mr. P. C. E. Rendall (for the defence) said, in reply to his Worship, that there was no insinuation whatever against Mr. W. McEwen, the Chief Officer of the Belgol.

Complainant's brother, who was called on Saturday, gave evidence of having been victimised by the defendant last year but stated that he did not report the matter to the Police as the defendant had disappeared.

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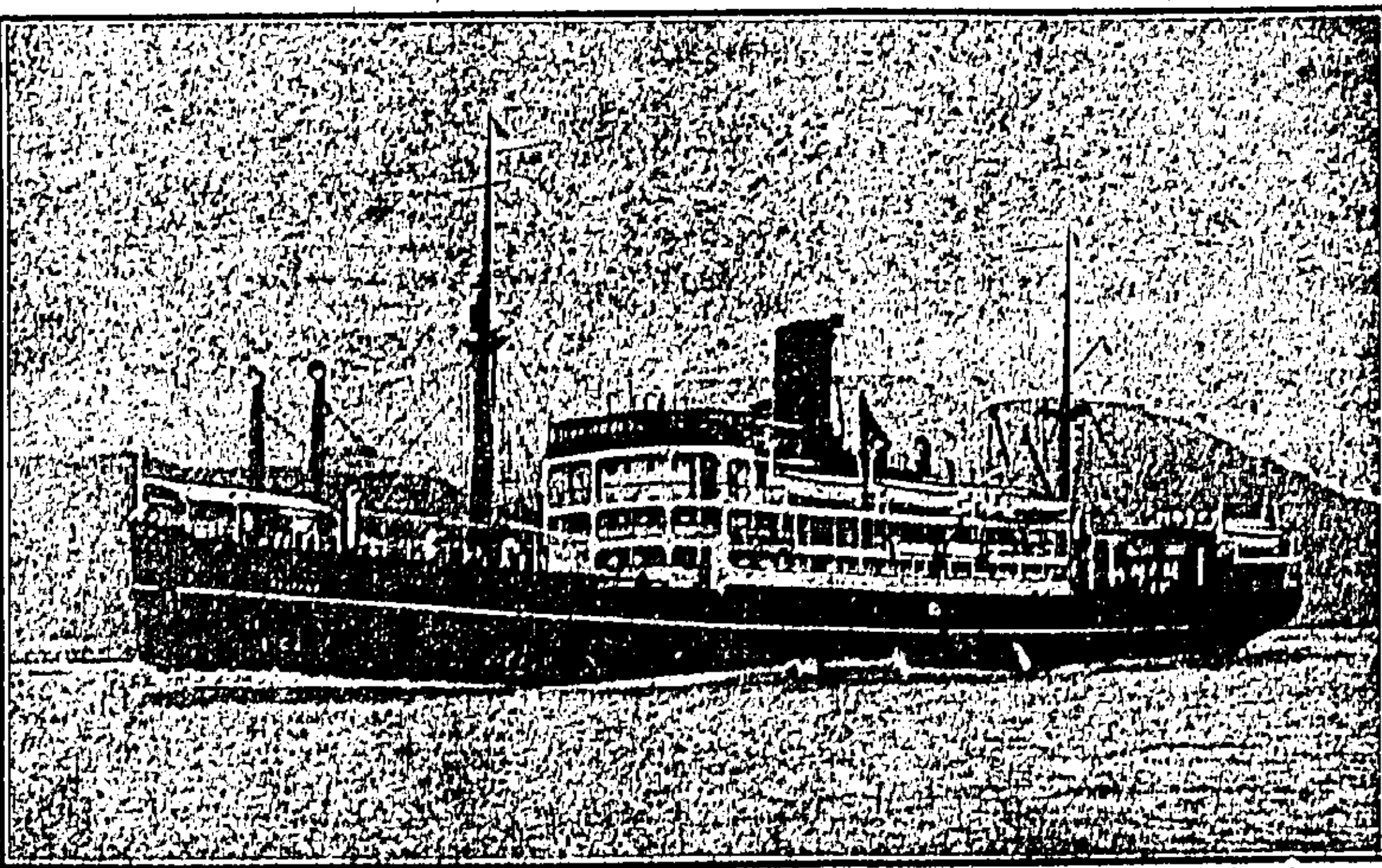
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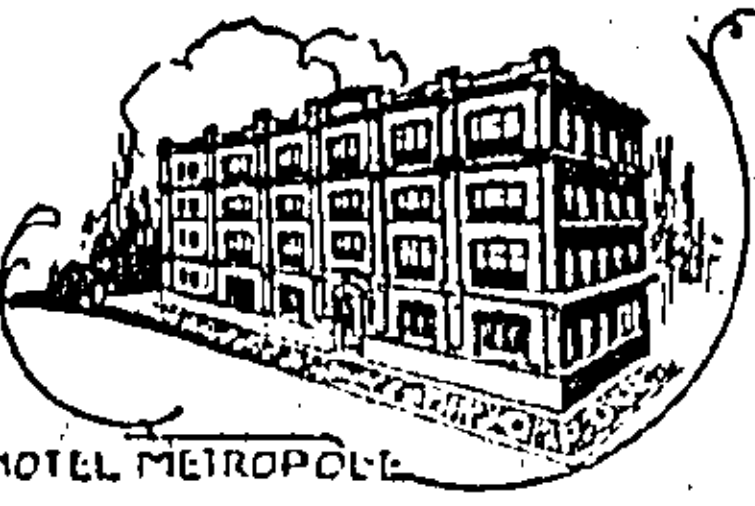
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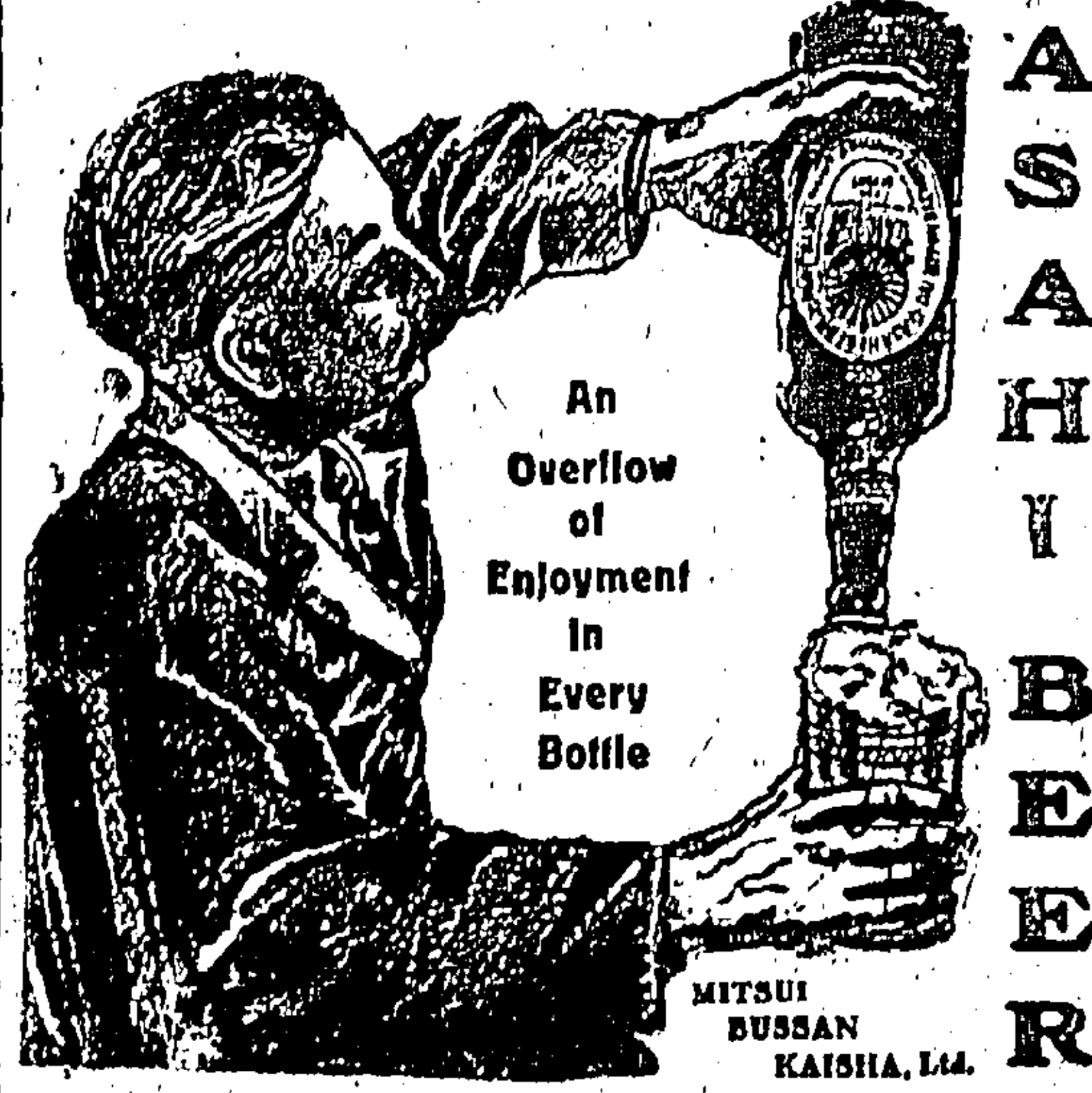
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OPIUM RAID SEQUEL.

When Revenue Officers raided a Chinese house in the city during the week-end, they seized 14½ taels of contraband opium concealed within the lattice work of a cubicle, and arrested a young girl who was occupying the room.

They were told that the girl was married, and, while investigating the information further, were prepared to deal with the case with some leniency by offering to take a comparatively small bail, so as to save the girl from a night spent in the cells.

The amount, fixed at \$500, was raised by concerted effort on the part of the girl's relatives and her fellow-tenants, who had to pawn their jewellery for the purpose.

Unfortunately, an uncle of the girl, who was given the money to hand over to the authorities, absconded with it, so that after all that had been done for her, the girl was obliged to spend the night at the Police Station.

Revenue Officer Grimmit related the case to Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Central Police Court this morning, and asked for the girl to be leniently dealt with. He said that he hoped, before long, to put his hands on the mean relative.

His Worship said he proposed to inflict a fine of \$500, which, roughly, would have been the balance the girl would have to pay had she still had possession of the money that was stolen. The alternative sentence was five months' imprisonment.

OPIUM SYNDICATE'S ACTIVITIES.

ANOTHER HAUL MADE ON THE WATERFRONT.

As forecast by the Revenue Office, the arrest of two other Chinese and the seizure of a further big lot of opium have resulted from the vigilant watch kept by its officers since it was first known that a big syndicate operating in a Chinese port was importing the drug on a large scale into the Colony.

Supplementary to what he had said when he charged six Chinese before the Magistrate last week, Revenue Officer Grimmit to-day reported that the watch that was kept on the water-front yesterday was rewarded by the seizure of a basket, similar to the ones figuring in the previous case, which had a false bottom. Pulled to pieces, the basket was found to contain no less than 304 taels of raw opium.

Of the two men who were taken into custody at the time, one was discharged, while the other was fined \$7,000 or twelve months' hard labour, by Mr. Hamilton who heard the case this morning.

"SIAMESE" TWINS IN HONGKONG.

ON WAY TO AMERICA FOR VAUDEVILLE.

The Filipino "Siamese" twins arrived in the Colony yesterday by the s.s. Empress of France, bound for Canada and the United States, where they are to appear in vaudeville turns.

It will be recalled that these young men were recently married in Manila to two sisters, who are now accompanying them on their tour.

This morning, the twins, accompanied by their wives, came across to Hongkong by the "Star" ferry, and, naturally, they attracted considerable attention. Although joined together near the hips, they moved about quite freely, and after coming ashore they stopped into a taxi, with their wives, proceeding to the shopping centre of the town.

SHANGHAI'S HOTTEST DAY OF YEAR.

97.7 IN THE SHADE ON TUESDAY LAST.

Shanghai, July 24. Shanghai yesterday experienced the hottest day of the present year. The thermometer soared to 97.7 degrees, which topped the mark of 96 degrees, recorded on two days of last week. The weather prediction is for continued fine weather with oppressive heat, local thunder in the Yangtze all around the coast.

At times yesterday not a breath of air was stirring. Stockingless women and girls were noted on the streets in increasing numbers.

FURTHER SOVIET AIR RAIDS.

DEMONSTRATIONS ON FRONTIER.

NANKING ORDERS TROOPS TO RETIRE.

LATEST PEACE MOVE.

Shanghai, July 29. The Nanking Government has received a telegram from General Chang Hsueh Ling in which he states that a Russian air squadron of seaborne planes again made their appearance over Chinese territory yesterday morning (Sunday) and demonstrated over the Chinese garrison quarters.

During the appearance of the squadron, Soviet troops stationed in Russian territory fired over one hundred shells into the air, the whole affair being apparently intended as a threat to the Chinese troops at the Manchurian border.—Nan Chung Kuo.

Frontier Quietening Down?

Harbin, July 28.

There was a distinct improvement along the Soviet-Chinese frontier during the week-end. Chinese troops taking up positions at Manchuli have received instructions from Nanking to cease war preparations and to retreat from Manchuli C.E.R. Station to the native city.

A Soviet Retreat.

At the same time, the Soviet troops near Manchuli have also retired, to places some 10 miles away from their former defences. There are now about fifty Chinese miles of "neutral" territory between the Chinese troops and the Soviet Army, rendering a clash between the two forces extremely improbable.

Strike Off.

To further convince the Nanking Government of their desire to reach an amicable agreement with the Chinese, the Soviet Government, it is reliably reported, have advised the Russian workers on the Chinese Eastern Railway to abandon plans for a strike and not to hinder the progress of the line in Chinese territory.

On Saturday, Mr. Chang Ching-huai was in conference with his subordinates and colleagues at Mukden and after the meeting he told the Chinese pressmen that the situation on the Sino-Soviet frontiers had taken a turn for peace.

White Russians' Activity.

From a semi-official Chinese source, it is understood that the sudden change of attitude by the Russians is due principally to the fact that White Russians, in many places on the Heilungkiang and Mongolian frontiers, have rebelled against Soviet rule and that wars between the Whites and the "Reds" were in progress, rendering it impossible for the Soviet troops to spare attention for the Chinese. The same report adds that before long, the Soviet Government will invite a European power to act as mediator of the railway dispute.

Nanking Discussion.

On Saturday, Marshal Chiang Ching Kuo-shih, Dr. C. T. Wang, Foreign Minister, and Messrs. Chau Lung-kwang, Tai Chi-tao, and Kuo Ying-fan held a conference at Nanking on the Chinese-Soviet dispute. It is said that the leaders decided to prepare a Note to be addressed to the Powers, stating that in respect of the Kellogg Peace Pact, the Chinese Government is willing that the International Court of Justice should act as arbitrator.

The meeting further resolved to send Mr. Chu Shao-yang to Harbin to study conditions on the C.E.R. with a view to paying a visit to Moscow at an early date. It is, however, explicitly declared by the Nanking leaders that the Chinese Government will not restore sole control of the C.E.R. to the Soviets.

Canton Feeling Easier.

The tension created by the Sino-Russian crisis during the last week has eased considerably by the news that both countries are endeavouring to settle the trouble in a friendly manner. There is no doubt that Canton is feeling better on account of this turn in the situation.

Nobody wants war, and the merchants, who are just beginning to recover a little from the effect of the last provincial struggle, are the last people to wish for war. But it must be noted that if war must come, it will be found that the merchants will be among the first to line up behind the Central Government.—Canton News Agency.

CHANNEL FLYING PROSPECTS.

M. BLERIOT MOST OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE FUTURE.

ENGLAND'S WELCOME.

London, July 28. Monsieur Bleriot, who 20 years ago made the first flight across the English Channel, celebrated the anniversary yesterday by flying the Channel again. He flew in a machine of his own design, a twin-engine bomber. Madame Bleriot also came across in a separate machine.

Eleven aeroplanes of the Royal Air Force escorted them into Dover. Upon landing, Monsieur and Madame Bleriot were met by the Mayor of Dover and Sir Sefton Branker, Director of Civil Aviation.

They then proceeded in their machines to Crocydon, where they were received by Lord Thomson, Air Minister, and representatives of the Imperial Airways, the Royal Aero Club and the Royal Aeronautical Society.

Monsieur and Madame Bleriot were the guests of honour at a dinner celebrating the seventh International Aero Exhibition at which many other pioneers of aviation were present, including Sir Arthur Whitten Brown, who, with the late Sir John Alcock, made the first aeroplane flight across the Atlantic.

In conversation, M. Bleriot said whereas twenty years ago it took him thirty minutes to fly the Channel, he had now come across in twenty. His original flight in 1909 was made in his twenty-five horse-power monoplane which carried one person only, while now he had come in a twin-engine monoplane of a thousand horse-power, carrying several persons.

Great as had been the advance in aviation in the past twenty years, it would be equally great, he predicted, in the next twenty. By 1949, he believed there would be the same regular services of air liners flying between London and New York as there are to-day between London and Paris.—British Wireless.

COALYARD QUARREL.

MAN WHO PRETENDED HE WAS BADLY HURT.

Prosecuting in a case in which a coal collier of the M. B. K. colliery was charged before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, with assaulting a foreman of the yard, Detective Inspector Fallon described the complainant as a man with a delicate constitution.

The defendant admitted striking the complainant, but said the foreman kicked him in the back.

The complainant denied kicking the defendant, but admitted that when the defendant refused to carry some coal to a certain place he gave him a push.

His Worship pointed out that he did not think the defendant would strike a foreman without provocation, as he would probably lose his employment.

Detective Inspector Fallon agreed that there must have been some provocation. He remarked that the complainant had pretended to be worse than he actually was. After the incident he lay on the ground as if he had been badly injured. He was a man of delicate constitution and wanted to excite the sympathy of the crowd. If he had any spirit at all, he would have defended himself, instead of seeking redress through the police.

His Worship, remarking that the defendant had already been in custody for two and a half days, cautioned the accused.

THE NEW FRENCH GOVERNMENT.

SCOPE TO BE SOMEWHAT WIDENED.

Paris, July 28. After conferring with President Doumergue, M. Briand, who is forming a new Cabinet consequent on the resignation of M. Poincare, stated that the fundamental basis of the Administration would remain unchanged, though he would attempt to "widen its scope somewhat."—Reuter.

London, July 28. King George yesterday telegraphed to M. Poincare expressing concern at his illness.

Replying to a message of sympathy by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, M. Poincare said:—"I thank Your Excellency for your kind wishes. I regret that circumstances compel me to interrupt my friendly collaboration with the British Government, and I affirm my most ardent wishes for the success of the work of peace to which our two countries have already consecrated so many efforts."—British Wireless.

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